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## NuRAN Secures Non-Convertible Bridge Loan for US \$1.5 Million and Resumption of New Sites Rollouts

Quebec, QC, Canada, Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – NuRAN Wireless Inc. (“NuRAN” or the “Company”) (CSE: NUR) (OTC: NRRWF) (FSE:1RN), a leading rural telecommunications company, is pleased announce that it has secured a non-convertible bridge loan from a US based institution (the “Lender”) for US\$1,500,000 (the “Loan”). The initial tranche of the Loan has already been funded for US\$400,000 and the balance of US\$1,100,000 is expected to be funded on April 18, 2023 (the “Second Tranche”).

[On February 21, 2023, NuRAN previously announced that it may raise additional funds to bridge its operations](#) until the first EIB/DFI drawdown. This Loan is expected to satisfy the Company’s capital requirements until the first EIB/DFI drawdown, and the Company is pleased to confirm that it is no longer pursuing additional funds from existing bridge lenders.

In addition, this Loan provides NuRAN with sufficient capital to continue its site installations under the existing NaaS contracts, accelerating the Company’s rollout, which was previously delayed waiting for the initial EIB/DFI drawdown. Upon receipt of the Second Tranche of the Loan, the NuRAN operations team will resume rollouts of new sites. The team has also upgraded site capacity in Cameroon to meet high demand from increased traffic levels and improved the overall technical performance of the network. This has resulted in an increase of site revenue for both Orange and NuRAN. NuRAN has also completed a number of Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) reports and put in place an Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS) in order to comply with EIB/DFI conditions as well as to contribute to the Company’s overall corporate governance and compliance.

The land to build the next batch of sites has already been acquired as NuRAN has refined its geo-marketing approach to identify optimal site configurations to deliver the backlog of sites for DRC, Cameroon, and South Sudan. The Ivory Coast, Sudan and Madagascar projects are progressing well including local incorporation, permitting, licenses and geo-marketing. The Company expects to initiate build in those new countries in 2023. Concerning Namibia, the selection of the 4G core network by the MNO is already in process.



### Loan Terms

The Loan is for a term of six months and is subject to a number of terms and conditions including the following: (i) the principal amount to be repaid is US\$1,578,947.39 including a 5% original issuance discount, (ii) 10% interest per annum, paid on maturity, (iii) the Loan will be senior to all existing and future debt and secured by all the assets of the Company and its subsidiaries excluding the shares in its African subsidiaries and any other assets which are to be pledged as part of the security package to the DFI lenders, (iv) a right of participation in future debt offerings during the term of the Loan and customary information rights and default provisions for a loan of this nature; and (v) a lending fee of 5% of the funded amount. In the event of a default, interest will accrue at the lesser of: (i) 24% and (ii) the maximum legal rate. The Loan may be prepaid by the Company at any time prior to the maturity date, without penalty.

The use of proceeds from the Loan includes the repayment of some short-term debt of the Company, resuming rollouts of new sites, payment to various service providers assisting with the EIB/DFI loans, and working capital.

The Company has also agreed to issue to the Lender 2,000,000 share purchase warrants with each warrant exercisable to acquire a share of the Company at an exercise price of \$0.45 for a period of two years. Any securities issuable upon exercise of these warrants will be subject to a statutory hold period of four months and one day from the Second Tranche closing date. The Loan is subject to the parties entry into definitive agreements respecting the terms of the Loan and related security agreements. There is no assurance the Loan will be completed as planned or at all.

The Company is also pleased to announce it has granted an aggregate of 1,250,000 stock options (the "Options") to a consultant of the Company to purchase 1,250,000 common shares (the "Option Shares") of the Company pursuant to the Company's stock option plan. The Options, which vest immediately, are exercisable at an exercise price of \$0.425 per Option Share for a period of five (5) years from the date of grant. Pursuant to the policies of the Canadian Securities Exchange, the Options are subject to a hold period of four months from the date of grant.

The Company relied on section 5.5(b) of Multilateral Instrument 61-101 - Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions ("MI 61-101") as the exemption from the formal valuation requirements of MI 61-101 in respect of the Options grant to the consultant of NuRAN as no securities of NuRAN are listed on a specified market as defined in MI 61-101. NuRAN relied on section 5.7(a) of MI 61-101 as the exemption from



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the minority approval requirements of MI 61-101 in respect of the Options grant to the consultant of NuRAN as neither the fair market value of the subject matter of, nor the fair market value of the consideration for, the Options granted to the directors and officers of the Company exceeded 25% of NuRAN's market capitalization.

On February 21, 2023, NuRAN announced it is finalizing negotiations with the lenders of short-term bridge loans, and the Company expects to enter into debt settlement agreements with these lenders concurrently with the signing of the definitive agreements with EIB and the other DFI. The short-term bridge lenders are expected to extend the maturity on those loans and waive certain rights relating to events of default in favour of EIB and the other DFI.

### **About NuRAN Wireless:**

NuRAN is a leading rural telecommunications company that meets the growing demand for wireless network coverage in remote and rural regions around the globe. With its affordable and innovative scalable solutions of 2G, 3G, and 4G technologies, NuRAN offers a new possibility for more than one billion people to communicate effectively over long distances efficiently and affordably. "Bridging the Digital Divide, One Connection at a Time."

### **Additional Information:**

For further information about NuRAN Wireless: [www.nuranwireless.com](http://www.nuranwireless.com)

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