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**NEW PARADIGM RESOURCES GROUP APPOINTS MARTIN
McDERMOTT VICE PRESIDENT, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

Veteran Telecom Executive Brings More Than 25 Years' of Insight to NPRG

CHICAGO, MAY 8, 2001 – New Paradigm Resources Group, Inc., (NPRG), the leading research and consulting firm covering the competitive communications industry, announced today the appointment of industry veteran Martin McDermott as Vice President of Professional Services. In this role, McDermott will become an integral part of NPRG's consulting and industry seminar activities in competitive communications.

McDermott brings more than twenty-five years' experience in telecommunications and executive corporate management to NPRG. This experience includes several senior positions in the competitive carrier industry, including President and Chief Operating Officer of IP Services Inc., a Colorado-based IP telecom provider; and Executive Vice President of Marketing for KMC Telecom, a facilities-based carrier with services in 37 U.S. markets.

"Martin's professionalism, experience, and perspective make him an invaluable addition to our team," said Terry Barnich, President of NPRG. "Martin has worked with some of the most innovative groups in competitive telecommunications, and his insight will certainly benefit our clients."

Prior to entering the CLEC arena, McDermott was president of Management Profiles Inc., a management consulting firm specializing in new technologies in the communications industry, and Chief Operating Officer of American Wireless Communications Corporation. McDermott also held the post of Vice President of Marketing and Customer Service for WiTel, and was founder and Chief Operating Officer of the National Telecommunications Network (NTN), a joint venture partnership of six regional fiber optic network companies created in 1985 to provide a nationwide, all-digital fiber optic network.

McDermott has served on the Boards of Directors of CompTel, ACTA (now Ascent), the North American Telephone Association, and is the author of *The Business of Interconnect*, a definitive study of the customer premise equipment industry. He is a frequent industry spokesperson and contributor to industry periodicals on sales, marketing and technology topics.

“NPRG is the competitive telecommunications industry’s most respected research and consulting firm providing critical information and strategic insight and advice,” said McDermott. “I am proud to join the organization, and look forward to playing a leading role in its continued success.”

About New Paradigm Resources Group

New Paradigm Resources Group, Inc. is a research and consulting firm monitoring and analyzing developments in the competitive telecommunications industry. NPRG maintains an extensive array of proprietary databases that support our foundational industry reports, which, in turn, fuel our client-specific expert consulting work. NPRG publishes the *CLEC Report*[™], a biannual multi-volume review of the state, trends and future of the competitive local telecom industry, as well as the *ISP Report*[™], *DSL Report*[™], *ASP Report*[™], *Utilities in Telecom Report*[™] and the *BLEC Report*[™].