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CANTV ADVISED OF PROPOSED SALE OF VERIZON'S STAKE IN CANTV TO TELMEX AND AMERICAN MOVIL

Caracas, Venezuela (April 4, 2006) – Compañía Anónima Nacional Teléfonos de Venezuela (CANTV)(NYSE: VNT) today announced that it has been advised that Verizon Communications Inc. (NYSE: VZ) has entered into a definitive agreement to sell Verizon's indirect approximate 28.5 percent interest in CANTV to an entity jointly owned by American Movil, S.A. de C.V. (NYSE: AMX) and Teléfonos de Mexico, Telmex (NYSE: TMX). According to announcements issued by the parties, the joint venture would acquire Verizon's indirect equity stake in CANTV through the purchase of a Verizon subsidiary holding company that holds all of the CANTV ordinary shares and American Depositary Shares owned by Verizon. According to these announcements, the aggregate purchase price for Verizon's stake would be \$676.6 million in cash, representing approximately \$3.01 per ordinary CANTV share held by Verizon (or approximately \$21.10 per CANTV American Depositary Share held by Verizon, each of which represents seven ordinary CANTV shares). The transaction is subject to regulatory approvals and other conditions.

CANTV also stated that, according to the announcements issued by the parties, the joint venture that has agreed to purchase Verizon's stake has also agreed, subject to regulatory approvals, that following the closing of the purchase of Verizon's equity interest in CANTV, the joint venture will make a tender offer for any and all of the remaining shares of CANTV. According to the announcements, the tender offer would be made at the same price per share as paid to Verizon and the purchase price in Bolívares would be at the Bolívar equivalent of such price, based on the Official Exchange Rate.

Pursuant to the requirements of Venezuelan law, the Board of Directors of CANTV will make its recommendation with respect to the offer following the publication of the offering documents.

The Company

Cantv, a Venezuelan corporation, is the leading Venezuelan telecommunications services provider with almost 3.1 million switched fixed access lines in service, almost 5.2 million mobile subscribers and almost 307 thousand broadband subscribers as of December 31, 2005. The Company's principal strategic stockholder is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Verizon Communications Inc. with 28.5% of the capital stock. Other major stockholders include the Venezuelan Government with 6.6% of the capital stock (Class B Shares), employees, retirees and employee trusts which own 6.7% (Class C Shares) and the remaining 58.2% of the capital stock is held by public and other stockholders.

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This press release contains statements about expected future events and financial results that are forward-looking and subject to risks and uncertainties. Actual results could differ materially from those predicted in such forward-looking statements. Factors which may cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed herein include economic considerations that could affect demand for telecommunications services and the ability of the Company to make collections, inflation, regulatory factors, exchange controls and occurrences in currency markets, competition, labor relations, legal proceedings and the risk factors set forth in the Company's various filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its most recently filed Annual Report on Form 20-F. The Company undertakes no obligation to revise these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof, and claims the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.