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COMPANY NEWS; QWEST WILL BUY $1 BILLION OF ITS STOCK FROM BELLSOUTH

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Qwest Communications International will buy about $1 billion of its stock from BellSouth; will buy about 22.2 million shares at $45 each, slightly less than Qwest's closing price on Jan 12; BellSouth also agrees to buy $250 million worth of services from Qwest, including Web site management and long-distance call time over five years, and pay for services with Qwest shares; transaction will reduce BellSouth's stake in Qwest from about 4.7 percent to 3.1 percent (S)

Qwest Communications International said yesterday that it would buy about $1 billion of its stock from BellSouth. Qwest will buy about 22.2 million shares at $45 each, slightly less than Qwest's closing share price on Friday. Qwest's shares rose 38 cents, to $47, after the announcement. BellSouth also agreed to buy $250 million worth of services from Qwest, including Web site management and long-distance call time, over five years, and pay for the services with Qwest shares. The transaction will reduce BellSouth's stake in Qwest from about 4.7 percent to 3.1 percent.

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WSJ says *Qwest* to buy back shares from BellSouth

(:BLS) Wednesday January 17 2001 - In the News

The Wall Street Journal reports in its on-line edition that *Qwest* Communications International plans to buy back about 22.2 million of its shares from BellSouth for $45 a share, or $1-billion (all figures U.S.). The unbylined item says *Qwest* plans to use the shares to fulfill obligations under employee benefit and option programs. Following the buyback, BellSouth will own about 51.8 million *Qwest* shares, or roughly 3.1 per cent of the company's 1.7 billion shares outstanding. As part of the buyback, BellSouth agreed to purchase $250-million in services from *Qwest* over the next five years, and will pay for the services in *Qwest* stock over a four-year period. BellSouth, which agreed to hold its remaining *Qwest* shares until Jan. 16, 2002, is permitted to sell up to 11.1 million shares after Feb. 15. The communications-services company said it will use the funds to better focus resources on its data and wireless businesses.

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Qwest buying back $1 billion in stock sold to BellSouth

Kris Hudson, Denver Post Business Writer

Qwest Communications International has agreed to buy back $1 billion of its stock from BellSouth at the fellow Baby Bell's request.

Denver-based Qwest will pay BellSouth $45 per share for 22.2 million Qwest shares held by BellSouth since 1998, the companies announced Tuesday. The deal will leave BellSouth with 51.7 million Qwest shares, which amounts to slightly more than 3 percent of Qwest's outstanding shares.

Qwest also agreed to allow Atlanta-based BellSouth to sell another 11.1 million shares after Feb. 16. Beyond that, BellSouth agreed to refrain from further sales for a year.

"When BellSouth approached us with the desire to achieve some liquidity, we assessed it and quickly concluded that, at the terms and conditions we were able to negotiate, it was a good investment for Qwest shareholders," Qwest chief executive officer Joe Nacchio said Tuesday.

In turn, BellSouth will buy an additional $250 million in services from Qwest in the next four years, paying for the services with Qwest stock. Qwest has already reaped $300 million in business from BellSouth as part of a partnership the two entered in 1998, when BellSouth bought 10 percent of Qwest for $3.5 billion.

Nacchio described Tuesday's buyback deal as a financial pact, adding that the business partnership between Qwest and BellSouth - including joint marketing efforts - remains intact.

Qwest will finance the buyback with short-term debt.
A BellSouth spokesman said the company will use the proceeds to invest in data transmission services and Cingular Wireless, its new wireless communications joint venture with SBC Corp.

Wall Street analysts interpreted the buyback as positive news about Qwest's status.

"They've said over the last couple of quarters that they have more investment opportunities in front of them than they have money for," said Bill Klein, an analyst with Wasserstein Perella Securities.

"The fact that they think $1 billion in Qwest stock is a strong investment tells you a lot about where they think the stock should be."

Trading of Qwest's stock closed at $47 Tuesday, up 38 cents. Trading of BellSouth's stock closed at $44.06, up 19 cents.

Tom Friedberg, an analyst with Tucker Anthony Capital Markets in Denver, said BellSouth's gradual sale of its Qwest stake might also free BellSouth from regulatory concerns in its other activities.

"To the extent that BellSouth has an ownership interest in Qwest, it might impede BellSouth's desire to potentially acquire or combine with another company strong in long distance or data communications," he said.

Bloomberg News contributed to this report.

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Qwest To Buy Back 22 Million Shares

DENVER, Colo. (AP) -- Long-distance company Qwest Communications International Inc. will spend $1 billion to buy back 22 million of its shares held by BellSouth Corp., both companies said Tuesday.

Denver-based Qwest said it plans to use the shares for obligations under its employee benefit and option programs. In late trading Tuesday on the New York Stock Exchange, shares of Qwest were up 38 cents to $47. Shares of BellSouth rose 19 cents to $44.06.

The move leaves Atlanta-based BellSouth with a 3.1-percent stake in Qwest, or nearly 52 million shares.

BellSouth agreed to purchase $250 million in services from Qwest over five years, and will pay for the services in Qwest stock over a four-year period.

Analysts said the deal will give BellSouth more money for its wireless activities and its expanding rollout of high-speed digital subscriber line, or DSL, Internet services.

"They're planning to triple their DSL customers from 215,000 to more than 600,000 by the end of 2001," said Drake Johnstone, an analyst with Davenport & Co. in Richmond, Va.

BellSouth also agreed to hold its remaining Qwest shares until Jan. 16, 2002, and is allowed to sell as many as 11.1 million Qwest shares after Feb. 15, 2001.

"It's part of BellSouth's original investment," Johnstone said. "The companies were working together to sell services to business customers."

Patrick Comack, an analyst with Guzman & Co. in Miami, said Qwest's purchase "should raise earnings 1 or 2 cents."

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Qwest said it's buying back 22.22 million shares of its stock from BellSouth for $1 billion ($45 per share). That will leave BellSouth with 51.8 million Qwest shares -- 3.1% of those outstanding. BellSouth also agreed to buy $250 million in services from Qwest over 5 years. BellSouth will pay for those services in Qwest stock over 4-year period. Qwest said it would continue its business relationship with BellSouth, which was developed to help both companies more effectively provide large business customers with complete packages of business services. Qwest said it agreed to repurchase its shares because it thought "Qwest stock is a good value at $45 per share." BellSouth said funds would go toward its data and wireless operations.

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Qwest to buy back own stock

Dana Cimiluca; Bloomberg News

Qwest Communications International, a seller of telephone, data and Internet services, said it will buy back $1 billion of its stock from BellSouth because it believes the shares will rise.

Qwest will buy 22.2 million shares at $45 each, Quest spokesman Tyler Gronbach said. That's 3.5 percent less than Qwest's closing share price Friday. The transaction will leave BellSouth with 51.8 million Qwest shares, or 3.1 percent of the total outstanding. In May 1999, BellSouth had a 10 percent stake.

BellSouth, which sells local-phone service in the southeastern U.S., will use the money to invest in data and wireless services and Cingular Wireless, a mobile-telephone joint venture with SBC Communications, BellSouth spokesman Jeff Battcher said.

Separately, Qwest will also receive $250 million in shares as payment for services it agreed to sell Atlanta-based BellSouth. Qwest will provide Web-site management and long-distance calling and other services over five years, Gronbach said.

BellSouth will pay for them with Qwest shares over four years. The value of the shares will increase about 5.7 percent each year, Qwest said. By 2004, the shares will be valued at $56.27 apiece, he said.

"We see this as roughly doubling our revenue over the four-year period," Qwest Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Joseph Nacchio said. "We'll get another $250 million in stock back into the company without dilution."

Qwest shares rose 25 cents to $46.88 in midafternoon trading. The stock had...
already risen 8.4 percent in the past year. BellSouth, which fell 13 percent
last year, declined 69 cents to $43.19.

Denver-based Qwest has about 1.69 billion shares outstanding. The company
said it will use the additional shares for employee-benefit and option programs.

In May 1999, BellSouth bought a 10 percent stake in Qwest for $3.5 billion to
get a nationwide reach and a new line of Internet services. A month later,
BellSouth said in a U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission filing that it was
exploring alternatives related to the Qwest stake, including "transactions which
may result in the acquisition of a control position in or combination" with
Qwest.

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BELL SOUTH SELLS BACK PART OF QWEST STAKE

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BellSouth has sold a large piece of its 10-percent stake in Qwest Communications back to the company for $1 billion, money that BellSouth will invest in expanding its high-speed Internet service and wireless operations.

Qwest, a Denver company that has a nationwide fiber-optic network and owns U.S. West, the local phone provider in the Rocky Mountain region, will buy 22.2 million shares at $45 each, Qwest spokesman Tyler Gronbach said. That's 3.5 percent less than Qwest's closing share price Friday.

The transaction will leave BellSouth with 51.8 million Qwest shares, or 3.1 percent of the total outstanding.

BellSouth is selling the shares for about 5 percent less than it paid in April 1999.

"BellSouth is focusing where its immediate opportunities are," said Jeff Kagan, a telecommunications analyst in Marietta, Ga.

In late December, BellSouth said it is focusing on rapidly expanding its high-speed Internet access service, which it provides through Digital Subscriber Line technology via the same cooper wires used for local phone service.

BellSouth also has a joint venture with SBC Communications that combines the two companies' wireless operations in the United States.

The newly created company, Cingular Wireless, has about 20 million subscribers and 18.6 percent of the U.S. wireless market. Verizon Wireless is No. 1, which has 27.5 million subscribers.

Kagan said BellSouth had invested in Qwest in May 1999 for two key reasons: first, it was a good investment and BellSouth is an aggressive investor in telecommunications businesses around the world.

Second, Kagan said, the investment gave BellSouth access to Qwest's national network, which the Atlanta-based company needed so it could service its larger business customers nationwide.

Patrick Comack, who tracks BellSouth for Guzman & Co. in Miami, says the money will come in handy as Cingular bids for a piece of the wireless spectrum the U.S. government is currently auctioning.

Cingular has come in with the second-highest bid behind Verizon Wireless, a joint venture between Verizon Communications and Vodafone Group, according to published reports.

As part of the agreement between BellSouth and Qwest announced Tuesday, BellSouth will purchase various services over a five-year period from Qwest, including website management and long-distance services that it can't provide for its own customers right now. It will pay Qwest for those services for four years with stock.

``We see this as roughly doubling our revenue over the four-year period,'' Qwest Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Joseph Nacchio said. ""We'll get another $250 million in stock back into the company without dilution.''

Qwest has about 1.69 billion shares outstanding. The company said it will use the additional shares for employee- benefit and option programs.

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Intel reports higher profit, limping sales

Intel Corp., the world’s biggest chipmaker, said Tuesday fourth-quarter net income rose 4 percent. Sales fell from the previous period as slowing economic growth worldwide caused a slump in personal computer sales.

Net income rose to $2.19 billion, or 32 cents a share, from $2.11 billion, or a split-adjusted 30 cents, a year ago. Though sales rose 6 percent from a year earlier to $8.7 billion, they were little changed from the previous quarter.

Intel’s net income includes investment gains and acquisition-related costs. Excluding the costs, profit would have been $2.6 billion, or 38 cents a share. On that basis, the company was expected to earn 37 cents, according to First Call/Thomson Financial survey.

Meanwhile Tuesday, Applied Micro Circuits Corp., whose chips speed data traffic on fiber-optic networks, reported a fiscal third-quarter loss on higher acquisition-related costs. Profit, excluding those costs, beat analysts’ estimates. The company lost $269.5 million, or 95 cents a share, compared with net income of $121.1 million, or 5 cents, a year earlier.

Bloomberg News

Foreign money laundering prompts voluntary rules

The government issued new guidelines Tuesday to help steer U.S. banks from corrupt foreign officials, following allegations of large-scale international money laundering and serious lapses in controls at Citibank and the Bank of New York.
The voluntary guidelines include procedures banks can use to get information on accounts held by foreign officials engaged in corruption, members of their families and close associates. They also list potentially suspicious transactions that could warrant a closer look.

Deputy Secretary Stuart Eizenstat told reporters that the guidelines aren't mandatory for banks because they apply to a limited number of wealthy account holders who are not U.S. citizens.

Associated Press

Tech firms join government in dragnet on Web hackers

Some of the biggest names in cyberspace - IBM, Cisco, Microsoft, and Oracle - are teaming with the government to create a private-public dragnet to catch hackers before they cause costly damage to Internet sites.

The not-for-profit partnership, announced Tuesday and including 19 top high-tech firms, will coordinate to share information among each other and with the government and respond to computer threats.

Called the Information Sharing and Analysis Center for Information Technology, or IT-ISAC, the group will force top companies that are usually fiercely competitive to work together.

To work together, the companies said they may eventually need some antitrust exemptions and would benefit from a bill in Congress that would exempt any data they shared with the government from freedom-of-information requests.

Associated Press

Slow sales, inventory buildups might spur factory cutbacks

U.S. business inventories piled up in November as sales declined for a second straight month, suggesting more production cutbacks at the nation's factories, government figures showed Tuesday.

Inventories rose 0.5 percent for the month after rising 0.7 percent in October, the Commerce Department said. Sales fell 0.5 percent after declining 0.5 percent the previous month, the first back-to-back decline since July-August 1998.

Sluggish sales at Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and other retailers along with buildups in inventories at businesses such as General Motors Corp. suggest cooler economic growth in the first quarter as the expansion nears its 10th anniversary in April.

The increase in inventories will keep fourth-quarter economic growth from "falling much below 1.5 percent to 2 percent, but raises the possibility of a
negative first quarter" as manufacturers cut back on production in response to falling demand, said Chris Low, chief economist at First Tennessee Capital Markets in New York.

Bloomberg News

In Brief

NESTLE SA made it official Tuesday and announced it agreed to buy Ralston Purina Co in a $10 billion deal that would create one of the world's largest pet food companies and expand its presence in a segment that is growing twice as fast as the overall food sector.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. said fourth-quarter profit rose 65 percent as the largest low-fare carrier flew more passengers, used contracts to lessen the impact of higher fuel prices and implemented a fare increase. Southwest is the first major U.S. airline to report earnings for a quarter in which analysts expect the industry's first net loss in more than four years. US Airways, Charlotte's dominant airline, as well as American Airlines parent AMR Corp. reports earnings today.

QWEST COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL INC. said Tuesday it will buy back about $1 billion of its stock from BellSouth Corp. because it believes the shares are a good value. Qwest will buy about 22.2 million shares at $45 each. BellSouth, which sells local-phone service in the Southeast, including the Carolinas, also agreed to buy $250 million of services that include Web-site management and long-distance calling from Qwest over five years.

CHIQUITA BRANDS INTERNATIONAL INC. proposed to swap bonds for shares Tuesday after the world's top banana producer said it can't repay $87 million due to bondholders in March. The negotiations might give majority control of the company to bondholders, President Steven Warshaw said.

KMART CORP. has told grocery distributors Fleming Cos. and Supervalu Inc. that their supply agreements will be canceled because the No. 2 U.S. discount chain plans to consolidate to a single supplier. The contracts will end June 30. Supervalu values its contract at $2.3 billion annually, while Fleming had $1.3 billion in sales to Kmart.

KIMBERLY-CLARK CORP. is plunging into the market with a new product, moistened toilet paper on a roll. The said Tuesday that it plans to spend $40 million marketing Fresh Rollwipes under the Cottonelle brand name. The product will be introduced in early summer in the Northeast and Southeast.

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- Creditors of Daewoo Motor Co. disclosed Tuesday plans to eliminate nearly 2,800 jobs, or 22 percent of the work force, by the middle of next month.

- General Patent Corp., a closely held Suffern, N.Y.-based company that manages patents and intellectual property, said it settled a patent dispute with Boca Research Inc., now known as Inprimis Inc.

- The grower-owners of the Ocean Spray cranberry cooperative, which has a grapefruit-processing plant in Vero Beach, have rejected resolutions calling on the company's board of directors to explore a possible sale.

In brief

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Stations change hands again. Just three months after changing hands, five of Birmingham's top radio stations again have a new owner.

Forstmann Little will invest $1.5 billion, along with another $500 million in financing from J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., to buy Citadel Communications Co. Las Vegas-based Citadel owns or operates 209 stations in 44 markets, counting closed and pending deals.

In October, Citadel closed on the purchase of 11 stations from Dick Broadcasting Co. for $300 million. The five Birmingham stations involved are WYSF-FM 94.5, WRAX-FM 107.7, WZRR-FM 99.5, WJOX-AM 690 and WAPI-AM 1070.

Larry Wilson will remain Citadel's CEO. Plant planned in Sylacauga
Harrell's Fertilizer Inc. plans to announce today it will build a manufacturing plant in Sylacauga to serve customers in Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Louisiana and the Florida Panhandle.

The plant will employ 25 when it opens in midsummer and could eventually have up to 60 workers to produce and ship fertilizers, chemicals and grass seed.

Lakeland, Fla.-based Harrell's currently ships from temporary space in Childersburg. Qwest to buy back shares
DENVER, Colo. - Long-distance company Qwest Communications International Inc. will spend $1 billion to buy back 22 million of its shares held by BellSouth Corp., both companies said Tuesday.

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Qwest, the US long-distance carrier, yesterday bought back Dollars 1bn (Pounds 600m) of its shares from BellSouth, a first step towards unravelling their two-year relationship. Page 32

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