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**COLLINEAR, VODAFONE, AVIAT, NOKIA-BELL LABS AND LEADING ENTERPRISE COMPANIES TO DISCUSS 5G BACKHAUL AT IEEE 5G WORLD FORUM 2018**

**Santa Clara, CA – July 02, 2018** – Collinear, developer of ultra-high capacity, over-the-air connectivity solutions for transforming network communications, will welcome industry experts from Vodafone, Aviat, Nokia-Bell Labs, and other enterprise companies for a frank, in-depth discussion on 5G vRAN over non-ideal backhaul, and related 5G network infrastructure needs at the forthcoming IEEE 5G World Forum, July 10, 2018.

Collinear's co-founder and Executive Vice President of Strategy and Corporate Development Helen Ojha will moderate a panel of industry experts as they examine the ideal versus less than ideal aspects of various backhaul technologies, what equipment suppliers and network operators will need to address in order for these technologies (e.g. wireless links) to carry 5G traffic and work with emerging vRAN technology.

Ojha will be joined by Ajay Rajkumar, Ph.D, Consulting Engagement Leader, Nokia Bell Labs, Stanley Chia, Chief Technology Officer, Vodafone Tomorrow Street, Gary Croke, Senior Director Marketing and Strategy, Aviat Networks, and other industry executives.

The panel will convene on July 10, 2018 from 11:00AM – 1:00PM in the LAFAYETTE ROOM at Hyatt Regency in Santa Clara, CA.

Helen Ojha co-founded Collinear Networks in late 2013. Presently, she leads Collinear's Strategy and Corporate Development activity, with responsibility for "over-the-horizon" strategic perspective and planning. Ojha, whose former roles include Managing Partner, CEO, and senior executive posts at Cisco Systems, Arthur D. Little, Charles Schwab, and Coopers and Lybrand, has an extensive history in infrastructure optimization, latency monitoring, and advanced software integration.

For more information on the panelists and the IEEE 5G World Forum visit: <http://ieee-wf-5g.org/5g-vran/>.

**ABOUT COLLINEAR:**

Founded in 2014, Collinear is pioneering next generation, ultra-high capacity, over-the-air connectivity solutions for global communication networks. Collinear has been working with Lockheed Martin Space under an exclusive licensing and development agreement to commercialize a hybrid point-to-point over-the-air transmission product developed by Lockheed Martin Space that incorporates innovative Free Space Optical (FSO) and E-Band RF technology. Initial customer trials of the company's first technology solution, Alex 1.0, commenced in the fourth quarter of 2017. The company is based in Silicon Valley, California (in Santa Clara), with an office in Singapore. For more information, please visit [collinear.com](http://collinear.com).

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