



## Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. Announces Quarterly Dividend

MATTOON, Ill., April 4 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. (Nasdaq: CNSL) today announced that its board of directors has declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.38738 per share on the company's common stock. The dividend is payable on May 1, 2006 to stockholders of record on April 15, 2006.

### About Consolidated

Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. is an established rural local exchange company (RLEC) providing communications services to residential and business customers in Illinois and Texas. Each of the operating companies has been operating in their local markets for over 100 years. With approximately 242,000 local access lines and over 39,000 digital subscriber lines (DSL), Consolidated Communications offers a wide range of telecommunications services, including local dial tone, custom calling features, private line services, long distance, dial-up and high-speed Internet access, carrier access services and directory publishing. Consolidated Communications is the 17th largest local telephone company in the United States.

### Safe Harbor

This release contains forward-looking statements regarding future events and the future performance of Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. that involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions that could cause actual results to differ materially including, but not limited to, economic conditions, customer demand, increased competition in the relevant market and others. Please see the section entitled "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005, as well as the documents that we file from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which contain additional important factors that could cause our actual results to differ from our current expectations and from the forward-looking statements discussed during in this presentation. Because of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, you should not place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements. Furthermore, forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made. We do not undertake any obligation to update or review any such forward-looking information, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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