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## DataWind CEO Suneet Singh Tuli receives Renaissance Engineer of the Year Award at Lassonde School of Engineering, York University

**Mississauga, May 01, 2015:** At the inaugral Lassonde Awards, Suneet Singh Tuli, President & CEO of DataWind (TSX: DW), was conferred the Renaissance Engineer of the Year Award by Lassonde School of Engineering at York University. Founding Dean of Lassonde School of Engineering, Janusz Kozinski presented the award to Suneet Singh Tuli in presence of Pierre Lassonde, the founder of the School of Engineering at York University. The Awarded is conferred to an individual that exemplifies the Renaissance Engineer in pursuit of greater prosperity for all.

Sunce was recognized for DataWind's revolutionary and innovative approach to bridge the digital divide for the forgotten billions with its launch of free internet access on low-cost smartphones and tablets.

**Commenting on the award, Suneet Singh Tuli, President & CEO, DataWind said,** "I am truly humbled and honored to receive this prestigious award. The curriculum, pedagogy and approach of Lassonde School of Engineering marks a revolutionary new chapter in engineering education that encapsulates the realities and challenges of the ever growing complexities arising from dynamic diverse communities without losing sight of holistic social development.

It gladdens me to note that DataWind's breakthrough technology and approach to bridge the digital divide has been recognized as a modern day Renaissance in creating greater access and connectivity for the forgotten billions", added Tuli.

**Speaking on the occasion, Founding Dean, Janusz Kozinski, Lassonde School of Engineering said**, "Suneet Singh Tuli embodies what it means to be a Renaissance Engineer. He's not just talking about changing the world, he's doing it. He isn't just creating new technology, he's making it accessible and affordable to the people who need it most. He is the perfect role model for our students."

## About DataWind:

DataWind is a leader in low-cost Internet connectivity for emerging markets. DataWind's mission is to bring the Internet, which has the ability to create tremendous social and economic benefits, to billions of unconnected people in the developing world. The Company's Internet Delivery Platform offers a low-cost Internet browsing solution by bundling an affordable tablet device with an inexpensive, prepaid, 2G Internet service plan. DataWind has been named to <u>MIT Technology Review</u>'s 2014 annual list of <u>50 Smartest Companies</u> of the world's most innovative technology companies and has received acknowledgement at several prestigious fora including Mobile World Congress, UKTI Annual Awards for Most Innovative companies, CTIA Wireless Show, Forbes Impact 15 List to name a few.

DataWind has offices in London, UK; Montreal and Mississauga, Canada, Amritsar and New Delhi, India.

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