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PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of October 2004
Commission File Number: 0-30628
ALVARION LTD.
(Translation of registrant's name into English)
21A Habarzel Street, Tel Aviv 69710, Israel
(Address of principal executive office)
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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

ALVARION LTD.

Date: October 19, 2004 By: /s/ Dafna Gruber

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TELKOM SA EXPANDS ITS ALVARION WIRELESS BROADBAND NETWORK WITH DEPLOYMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL ORDER

-- Carrier is Expanding and Upgrading 1.9GHz Networks to Enhance Services in Suburban and Rural Areas -

Tel-Aviv, Israel, October 19, 2004 - Alvarion Ltd. (NASDAQ:ALVR), the leading provider of wireless broadband solutions worldwide, today announced that Telkom SA Limited, South Africa's largest operator, has placed additional orders for MGW(TM) equipment to complete a country-wide, wireless network infrastructure project initiated in 2003. Telkom SA is an advanced Tier 1 incumbent providing fixed and mobile voice and data services. Grintek Telecom, Alvarion's regional distribution partner, is responsible for supply, installation and local support.

Over the past year, Alvarion's 1.9GHz systems have been deployed in five communities (Hekpoort, Pretoria, Upington, Bloemfontein and Grahamstown) to

provide top quality service to SOHO and residential customers. Now, additional systems are being installed in suburban and rural areas lacking in existing telecom infrastructure and to upgrade others requiring replacement systems.

"The MGW(TM) platform is ideal for an operator like Telkom," said Srini Moodley, responsible for Grintek Telecom's Executive Marketing and Business Development. "As a wireless system, it is quick and cost-effective to install, both at the base station and user side, and can reach regions where fixed-lines have been prohibitively expensive to deploy."

"Like so many operators, Telkom knows well that a wireless system is the best way to increase teledensity, fill coverage gaps in its service areas, and bring basic voice and fast Internet services to underserved regions," said Tzvika Friedman, President and COO of Alvarion. "As the world's leading provider of broadband wireless solutions, we are in the forefront of fulfilling worldwide demand for broadband as a fundamental prerequisite for commerce and education."

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About Telkom SA

Telkom SA Limited is South Africa's leading integrated communications group that provides total solutions across the full spectrum of digital communications to a diverse customer base. The

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network fully ATM enabled and can provide voice and data links across a number of technologies both local, and to destinations worldwide. The company also offers a wide range of digital services including data hosting, state-of-the-art network security, full Internet services, an e-marketplace and a full range of PBXs and value added communication products. Visit: www.telkom.co.za

About Grintek Telecom

Grintek Telecom, a division of JSE-listed Grintek Ltd, is one of South Africa's leading empowerment IT and telecommunications solutions and integration companies. Grintek Telecom provides tailored and innovative IT solutions from initial project and business requirement consulting, through to implementation, integration and ongoing support. Its telecommunications solutions have been implemented in more than 500 top South African companies; in addition, it provides solutions, services and maintenance in 23 African countries.

About Alvarion

With more than 2 million units deployed in 130 countries, Alvarion is the worldwide leader in wireless broadband providing systems to carriers, ISPs and private network operators. Leading the WiMAX revolution, Alvarion has the most extensive deployments and proven product portfolio in the industry covering the full range of frequency bands. Alvarion's products enable the delivery of business and residential broadband access, corporate VPNs, toll quality telephony, mobile base station feeding, Hotspot coverage extension, community interconnection, and public safety communications. Alvarion works with several top OEM providers and over 200 local partners to support its diverse global customer base in solving their last-mile challenges.

As a wireless broadband pioneer, Alvarion has been driving and delivering innovations for over 10 years from core technology developments to creating and promoting industry standards. Leveraging its key roles in the IEEE and HiperMAN standards committees and experience deploying OFDM-based systems, the company's

prominent work in the WiMAX ForumTM is focused on increasing widespread adoption of standards-based products in the wireless broadband market.

For more information, visit Alvarion's World Wide Web site at www.alvarion.com

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