

Wi-LAN Appoints New Chairman of the Board

OTTAWA, Canada – November 21, 2008 – Wi-LAN Inc. (“Wi-LAN” or the “Company”) (TSX: WIN), a leading technology innovation and licensing company, today announced that its Board has appointed Mr. Jim Skippen as Chairman of the Board of Directors effective immediately. Mr. Skippen will continue in his role as Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

Mr. Skippen has been Wi-LAN’s President & CEO and a member of the Company’s Board of Directors since June 2006.

“At this time in the Company’s evolution, the Board has determined that Mr. Skippen is the best choice for Chairman,” said Bill Jenkins, Chairman of the Nominating and Governance Committee. “Jim has been the driving force and visionary behind Wi-LAN’s remarkable transition to a successful licensing company. Since the resignation of our previous Chairman in March 2008, Mr. Skippen has been Acting Chairman of the Board and we believe that it is appropriate and desirable at this time to make the position permanent.”

The Board of Directors is also pleased to announce that Richard Shorkey, Chairman of the Audit Committee, has been appointed Lead Independent Director. Among other duties, Mr. Shorkey will facilitate the functioning of the Board independently of management as required.

About Wi-LAN

Wi-LAN, founded in 1992, is a leading technology innovation and licensing company. Our portfolio of patented inventions applies to a wide range of consumer electronics and communications products. Some of the fundamental technologies covered by Wi-LAN’s patents include: CDMA, DOCSIS, DSL, GSM/EDGE, V-chip, Wi-Fi and WiMAX. Wi-LAN has a large and growing portfolio of more than 300 issued or pending patents. Wi-LAN has licensed its intellectual property to over 150 companies. For more information: www.wi-lan.com.

Forward-looking Information

Certain statements in this release, other than statements of historical fact, may include forward-looking information that involves various risks and uncertainties that face the Company; such statements may contain such words as “may”, “would”, “could”, “will”, “intend”, “plan”, “anticipate”, “believe”, “estimate”, “expect” and similar expressions, and may be based on management’s current assumptions and expectations related to all aspects of the wireless and wireline telecommunications industries and the global economy. Risks and uncertainties that may face the Company include, but are not restricted to: licensing of the Company’s patents can take an extremely long time and may be subject to variable cycles; the Company is currently reliant on licensees paying royalties under existing licensing agreements and additional licensing of its patent portfolio to generate future revenues and increased cash flows; the Company may be required to establish the enforceability of its patents in court in order to obtain material licensing revenues; changes in patent laws or in the interpretation or application of patent laws could materially adversely affect the Company; a court may determine that certain of the Company’s patents are not infringed by certain standards or products or may disagree with management with respect to whether one or more of the Company’s patents apply to certain standards or products, which could adversely affect the Company; the Company will need to

acquire or develop new patents to continue and grow its business; the Company has made and may make acquisitions of technologies or businesses which could materially adversely affect the Company; the Company may require investment to translate its intellectual property position into sustainable profit in the market; the generation of future V-chip revenues and the likelihood of the Company signing additional V-chip licenses could be negatively impacted by changes in government regulation; the Company is dependent on its key officers and employees; and the price of the Company's common shares is volatile and subject to market fluctuation. These risks and uncertainties may cause actual results to differ from information contained in this release, when estimates and assumptions have been used to measure and report results. There can be no assurance that any statements of forward-looking information contained in this release will prove to be accurate. Actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. These and all subsequent written and oral statements containing forward-looking information are based on the estimates and opinions of management on the dates they are made and expressly qualified in their entirety by this notice. Except as required by applicable laws, the Company assumes no obligation to update forward-looking statements should circumstances or management's estimates or opinions change. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any statements of forward looking information that speak only as of the date of this release. Additional information identifying risks and uncertainties relating to the Company's business are contained under the heading "Risk Factors" in Wi-LAN's current Annual Information Form and its other filings with the various Canadian securities regulators which are available online at www.sedar.com.

This press release does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities in the United States

All trademarks and brands mentioned in this release are the property of their respective owners.

- ## -

For more information, please contact:

Tyler Burns
Director, Investor Relations & Communications
O: 613.688.4330
C: 613.697.0367
E: tburns@wi-lan.com