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GIGAMEDIA ANNOUNCES FIRST QUARTER 2003 FINANCIAL RESULTS

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GIGAMEDIA REPORTS FIRST QUARTER
2003 FINANCIAL RESULTS

TAIPEI, Taiwan, May 16, 2003 - GigaMedia Limited ("GigaMedia") (Nasdaq: GIGM, www.giga.net.tw), a diversified provider of online and offline entertainment services in Taiwan, today announced its first quarter operating and financial results. Quarter over quarter comparisons in this release are made based on audited fourth quarter results and do not include certain accelerated charges

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and expenses taken during the fourth quarter of 2002. See Note (A) below.

Highlights:

- o Core offline music business recorded a net loss of approximately NT\$29.8 million.
- o Cash burn rate in broadband ISP business unit declined to NT\$3.6 million.
- o Company in a strong financial position with approximately NT\$2.0 billion in total cash, short-term investments and liquid marketable securities.

Chief Executive Officer Raymond Chang said, "Our financial performance during the first quarter continued to improve, despite softness in the economy and declines in the overall music industry. The success of our focus on strict cost cutting and maintaining our financial strength is clearest in our online operations. Net loss in our online operations was less than US\$1 million for the period. We will continue to execute this strategy across our businesses in pursuit of improved operating performance on a consolidated basis going forward."

Chief Financial Officer Winston Hsia said, "We were pleased with our ability to manage costs during a period of difficult operating conditions. Operating cash burn in our online business unit continued to show a positive trend and highlight improvements in our operating efficiency. We will remain focused on controlling costs with capital expenditures to be made on an as needed basis going forward."

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS (FIRST QUARTER 2003 VERSUS FOURTH QUARTER 2002)

Note (A): Fourth quarter results referred to in all text portions and related tables within the body of this release are audited fourth quarter numbers, which may differ from unaudited numbers reported for our offline business unit last quarter. Note that numbers for the fourth quarter 2002 have been adjusted to exclude a write-off of approximately NT\$242.9 million during the period. Quarter over quarter comparisons also exclude a write-off of NT\$80.6 million in the fourth quarter of 2002 related to an investment in GigaMusic in 2001.

For the first quarter of 2003, GigaMedia reported consolidated revenues of NT\$914.1 million, compared with revenues of NT\$945.2 million for the fourth quarter. The company's first quarter performance was led by results in its offline music distribution business, which recorded revenues of NT\$752.9 million during the period.

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Operating loss was NT\$70.4 million in the first quarter compared with NT\$113.5 million during the fourth quarter. The decrease in operating loss during the quarter was evenly divided between GigaMedia's online and offline business units.

Non-operating income during the first quarter consisted of interest income of NT\$3.7 million, foreign exchange loss of NT\$193 thousand, and investment income of NT\$4.2 million. Non-operating income increased to NT\$7.9 million in the first quarter of 2003 from a loss of NT\$113.0 million in the previous quarter, primarily due to an investment loss recorded during the fourth quarter and the impact of foreign exchange rate fluctuations on U.S. dollar denominated assets.

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The company reported a net loss of NT\$50.1 million for the first quarter versus a loss of NT\$154.3 million in the fourth quarter, mainly due to variations in non-operating income between the periods, as well as inventory revaluation costs in both online and offline business units recorded during the fourth quarter.

Cash and other cash equivalents at the end of the first quarter totaled NT\$1.1 billion, not including additional short-term investments totaling NT\$842.9 million, compared to NT\$1.2 billion and NT\$855.3 million, respectively, during the previous period, representing a total decrease of approximately NT\$114.8 million.

GigaMedia's long-term investments include an investment of US\$10 million with a maturity date of 2005.

BUSINESS SEGMENT RESULTS

ONLINE ENTERTAINMENT (BROADBAND ISP)

FIRST QUARTER 2003 RESULTS COMPARED TO FOURTH QUARTER 2002 RESULTS

CATEGORY	1Q03	4Q02	V
Total revenues	NT\$161.2 million	NT\$154.4 million	
Access revenues	NT\$153.8 million	NT\$149.1 million	
Subscribers	103,375	108,016	
ARPU	NT\$416	NT\$388	
Total costs and expenses	NT\$200.0 million	NT\$221.8 million	
Operating cost	NT\$132.8 million	NT\$150.7 million	
SG&A	NT\$50.9 million	NT\$53.3 million	
Operating income (loss)	(NT\$38.6 million)	(NT\$67.4 million)	
Net income (loss)	(NT\$32.7 million)	(NT\$70.1 million)	(Not
Operating cash burn including capex (quarterly)*	NT\$3.6 million	NT\$35.6 million	

*We define operating cash burn including capex as EBIT plus non-cash items minus capex. Operating cash burn per month including capex declined from NT\$11.9 million to NT\$1.2 million, quarter over quarter.

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Total revenues for the quarter ended March 31, 2003 increased 4% to NT\$161.2 million from NT\$154.4 million during the previous quarter.

Total access revenues increased 3% to NT\$153.8 million, compared with NT\$149.1 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2002, due mainly to a slight increase in ARPU in our subscriber base. The company's continued focus on migrating users to higher specification products helped support ARPUs during the period. GigaMedia recognizes access revenues net of the revenue split with its cable partners.

Total corporate revenues through our wholly-owned subsidiary Koos Broadband Telecom Limited ("KBT") increased approximately 42% during the first quarter.

The ISP business recorded content subscription revenues of NT\$4.2 million during the period, as compared to NT\$4.9 million during the fourth quarter. Content revenues consist mainly of subscriber revenues from GigaMedia's broadband videostreaming site GigaTV (www.gigatv.com.tw).

Sales/rental/installation revenues in the ISP business, which include cable modem, ADSL retail installation packs, net cards and routers, increased to NT\$597 thousand for the first quarter from NT\$323 thousand during the fourth quarter.

Advertising revenues decreased to NT\$228 thousand in the first quarter from NT\$287 thousand for the fourth quarter. The company has de-emphasized this aspect of its business and does not expect to record significant advertising revenues going forward.

COSTS AND EXPENSES DECREASED

Total costs and expenses decreased by 10%, to NT\$200.0 million in the first quarter from NT\$221.8 million in the prior period.

Operating costs decreased in the first quarter to NT\$132.8 million versus NT\$150.7 million in the previous quarter, largely due to modem revaluation and bad debt expenses recorded during the fourth quarter totaling approximately NT\$15.1 million. Operating costs during the period consisted mainly of costs associated with business operations and customer service departments of NT\$45.3 million, telecommunications costs of NT\$52.5 million, and depreciation cost of network equipment other than cable modems amounting to NT\$29.4 million.

Included in this quarter's operating costs was amortization of our licensing payment to our partner EMI Music Asia, which totaled NT\$5.7 million. The licensing payment is related to the development of our subsidiary GigaMusic. In 2001, GigaMedia and EMI Music Asia invested in GigaMusic to develop a paid online music site. However, the site has not been launched and GigaMedia intends to terminate the agreement. GigaMedia filed an application for arbitration in Singapore on March 28, 2003 to resolve the disputes in connection with the strategic agreement entered into by the company, GigaMusic.com, and EMI Music Asia. The arbitration process is expected to last several months.

The company achieved its seventh straight quarter of reduced SG&A costs as it continues to tightly monitor customer acquisition and retention costs. GigaMedia's SG&A costs declined by approximately NT\$2.4 million, or 4%, during the quarter to NT\$50.9 million.

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OPERATING LOSS NARROWED

Operating loss decreased by 43% to NT\$38.6 million from NT\$67.4 million, quarter over quarter.

NET LOSS DECREASED

Net loss decreased in the first quarter to a loss of NT\$32.7 million from a loss of NT\$70.1 million, resulting primarily from a reduction in operating loss in the period.

OPERATING CASH BURN DECREASED

Operating cash burn was NT\$3.6 million during the quarter, or NT\$1.2 million per month, versus NT\$35.6 million in the fourth quarter, or NT\$11.9 million per month. The decline in operating cash burn was driven by reduced operating losses during the period. GigaMedia defines operating cash burn per month including capex as EBIT plus non-cash items minus capex.

ARPU INCREASED

Blended average revenue per user ("ARPU") for GigaMedia's one-way cable, two-way cable and ADSL broadband access services increased during the first quarter to NT\$416, compared with NT\$388 in the fourth quarter. This was achieved despite strong market competition and continued price pressure. Management expects minimal ARPU gains in the foreseeable future.

One-way ARPU increased 28% to NT\$296 compared to NT\$231 during the previous quarter, due to termination of GigaMedia's no minimum meter rate package. ARPU for two-way cable during the period decreased slightly to NT\$612 compared with NT\$618 during the previous period. ARPU for ADSL for the three-month period increased 6% to NT\$387 from NT\$363, due primarily to an increase in the number of subscribers to higher specification products during the period.

OFFLINE MUSIC DISTRIBUTION (G-MUSIC)

The following represents the results of the Rose Records and Tachung Records music store chains for the three-month period.

G-MUSIC FIRST QUARTER 2003 RESULTS COMPARED TO FOURTH QUARTER 2002 RESULTS

The following reflects the results of G-Music, not GigaMedia's 58.6% interest in G-Music, during the periods indicated. Minority interests have not been excluded.

CATEGORY	1Q03	4Q02	VA
Total revenues	NT\$752.9 million	NT\$790.8 million	
COGS	NT\$655.6 million	NT\$689.2 million	

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Gross margin	13%	13%
SG&A	NT\$129.0 million	NT\$147.7 million
Total costs and expenses	NT\$784.6 million	NT\$836.9 million
Operating income (loss)	(NT\$31.8 million)	(NT\$46.1 million)
Net income (loss)	(NT\$29.8 million)	(NT\$49.0 million)

TOTAL REVENUES DOWN

Total revenues for the quarter ended December 31, 2002 were NT\$752.9 million, down 5% from the NT\$790.8 million recorded during the prior period, attributable to the overall decline in Taiwan's recorded music market. GigaMedia records offline music business revenues under sales revenues.

COSTS AND EXPENSES DECLINED

Total COGS, net of return and allowance for the quarter ended March 31, 2003, was NT\$655.6 million, a decrease of approximately NT\$33.6 million, or 5% quarter over quarter. The decline in COGS was in line with the decline in total revenues during the period. Gross margin for the offline music business was flat at 13%, or NT\$97.3 million. Gross margin in the music distribution business remains under pressure from an overall decline in the market. GigaMedia records COGS from its offline music business under cost of sales.

G-Music recorded a decrease in SG&A costs during the first quarter of approximately NT\$18.7 million, primarily related to inventory revaluation costs recorded under SG&A during the fourth quarter.

OPERATING MARGIN IMPROVED

Operating margin for the quarter ended March 31, 2003 was negative 4%, or an operating loss of NT\$31.8 million. This represented a decrease of approximately NT\$14.3 million over the fourth quarter, due primarily to lowered SG&A costs during the first quarter.

NET LOSS DECREASED

Net loss decreased from negative NT\$49.0 million to negative NT\$29.8 million, primarily due to lowered SG&A costs during the first quarter.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK

There has been a recent outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome ("SARS") in Taiwan where GigaMedia's revenues are derived and where the company's employees are located. The company is continuing to monitor the possible implications of the SARS outbreak, but at this time it is difficult to

quantify the future impact on the business. For example, the SARS outbreak could result in quarantines or closures of some of the company's offices, which would severely disrupt the company's operations. In addition, the SARS outbreak is

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impacting consumer behavior. Due to the uncertainty surrounding the SARS outbreak, GigaMedia cannot at this time provide clear and accurate guidance on expected financial results in the coming months.

ABOUT GIGAMEDIA

GigaMedia Limited (Nasdaq: GIGM) is a diversified provider of entertainment services in Taiwan. The company's online/offline business model provides the company multiple distribution channels, deep customer relationships and the ability to meet future market demands as technology drives new media and entertainment industry change.

Offline, GigaMedia operates Taiwan's two largest music store chains, Rose Records and Tachung Records through its subsidiary G-Music. These businesses were acquired in February and September of 2002, respectively, and together hold approximately 50% market share in Taiwan.

Online, the company operates a leading broadband ISP, providing Internet access service and broadband content with multiple delivery technologies. The company's access products consist of premium cable modem and ADSL offerings, giving the company the ability to deliver superior broadband connections island-wide. GigaMedia's cable modem is a world-class platform capable of offering broadband Internet access at speeds of up to 100 times faster than traditional dial-up services. With 21 cable system partners, the company's cable modem business passes more than 3.1 million Taiwan households, as well as 417,000 small and medium businesses. In addition, the company offers interactive Chinese-language multimedia Web sites through its Web destination <http://www.gigigaga.com>.

Other subsidiary companies of GigaMedia include Koos Broadband Telecom Limited, a broadband service provider focused exclusively on corporate subscribers in Taiwan.

Strategic investors of GigaMedia include the Koos Group, a major player in Taiwan's manufacturing, finance, telecommunications, media, and cable industries.

More information on GigaMedia can be obtained from <http://ir.giga.net.tw>.

The statements included above and elsewhere in this press release that are not historical in nature are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. GigaMedia cautions readers that forward-looking statements are based on the company's current expectations and involve a number of risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from those contained in such forward-looking statements. Information as to those factors that could cause actual results to vary can be found in GigaMedia's Registration Statement on Form 20-F filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission in June 2002.

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GIGAMEDIA LIMITED
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
for the quarters ended March 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002

	1Q03	4Q02
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	NT\$	NT\$
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Operating revenue		
Access revenue	153,747,807	149,081,083
Sales/rental/installation	738,490,527	775,860,937
Web development revenues		0
Advertising and promotional revenue	15,212,351	15,507,137
Subscription revenue	4,151,738	4,869,220
Other revenue	2,475,581	(146,840)
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Total	914,078,004	945,171,537
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Cost and expenses		
Operating cost	132,819,405	150,219,742
Cost of sales/rental/installation	660,596,334	693,854,827
Web development expenses		0
Product development and engineering expenses	10,797,099	13,189,531
Selling and marketing expenses	129,290,997	152,567,113
General and administrative expenses	50,623,777	42,027,340
Bad debt expenses	303,006	6,813,574
Goodwill valuation expenses		323,565,023
Other costs	0	302,414,178
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Total	984,430,618	1,382,237,150
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Operating loss	(70,352,614)	(437,065,613)
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Non-operating income (expense)		
Interest income	3,690,985	9,714,076
Foreign exchange gain (loss)-net	(192,975)	(5,953,611)
Investment income	4,183,675	(91,080,130)
Gain from disposal of property, plant, equity	(38,620)	(24,521,767)
Interest income (expense)	(1,203,740)	(1,131,494)
Other non-operating income (expense)	1,454,658	20,942
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Total non-operating income-net	7,893,983	(112,951,984)
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Income tax (expense)	0	4,866,083
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Minority interest income	12,318,028	67,681,679
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Pre-acquisition earnings	0	(359,798)
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Net income (loss)	(50,140,603)	(477,829,633)
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Net loss per common share	(1.00)	(9.53)
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Average shares outstanding

50,154,000

50,154,000

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GIGAMEDIA LIMITED
 CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
 March 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002

ASSETS	1ST QUARTER 2003	4TH QUARTER 2002
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	NT\$	NT\$
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CURRENT ASSETS	Consolidated	Consolidated
Cash and cash equivalents	1,138,717,490	1,241,156,606
Short-term investments	842,866,066	855,272,747
Accounts receivable	150,565,490	133,307,781
Receivable from related parties	0	0
Inventories-net	307,151,203	360,216,481
Prepaid expenses	20,647,818	19,868,580
Restricted cash	28,000,000	100,449,047
Other current assets	149,534,687	167,443,092
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Total Current Assets	2,637,482,754	2,877,714,334
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INVESTMENT		
Total investments	921,229,025	641,088,040
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PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT-NET		
Net	708,288,706	738,938,134
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INTANGIBLE ASSETS-NET		
Net	259,544,027	267,401,149
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OTHER ASSETS		
Total Other Assets	168,024,800	170,896,219
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TOTAL ASSETS	4,694,569,312	4,696,037,876
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LIABILITIES & SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	NT\$	NT\$
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	Consolidated -----	Consolidated -----
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Loan	0	93,000,000
Accounts payable	461,260,844	473,077,742
Payable to related parties	0	18,078,815
Payable to equipment suppliers	0	441,236
Accrued salaries and bonus	19,750,840	44,609,960
Accrued expenses	52,735,963	53,150,057
Lease obligations	0	0
Other current liabilities	41,000,555	117,953,781
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Total Current Liabilities	574,748,202	800,311,591
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OTHER LIABILITIES		
Total Other Liabilities	51,624,149	48,668,859
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Total Liabilities	626,372,351	848,980,450
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Minority interest	214,862,350	227,180,378
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SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Total Shareholders' Equity	3,853,334,612	3,619,877,048
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	4,694,569,313	4,696,037,876
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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.

GigaMedia Limited

(Registrant)

Date: May 16, 2003

By: /s/ Hsia, Winston

(Signature)

Name: Hsia, Winston

Title: Chief Financial Officer