

Press Release

Focusing on Communications for Oil & Gas Sector, Thuraya Showcases its Satellite Broadband Solution at MECOM 2009

Abu Dhabi and Dubai, 25th May 2009-----: To promote its competitive broadband solution to the oil and gas sector, Thuraya is among the main speakers at 'MECOM 2009,' the annual telecom exhibition and conference held in Abu Dhabi. Thuraya is active participant at the Communications for Oil, Gas and Utilities Forum which is part of the three-day event held from 25th to 27th May 2009.

Thuraya provides cutting-edge telecom services in urban as well as remote and rural areas through its ubiquitous satellite coverage that spans 140 countries in Europe, Africa, Middle East Central Asia and Asia-Pacific rim.

"The oil and gas sector, one of the largest and most vital industries around the world, and whose operations are mostly in remote onshore and off-shore areas, needs a robust 24-hour reliable telecom connectivity for communicating with their associates locally and internationally," says Thuraya's senior manager corporate communications, Ebrahim K Ebrahim.

Mr. Ebrahim explained that Thuraya provides an array of solutions that are ideal for the oil and gas industry, and these include mobile satellite handhelds, a high-speed satellite broadband service (at 444 kbps and 384 kbps for video streaming), ThurayaMarine that can be used in oil transport operations, and fleet tracking service for fleet management.

Representing Thuraya at 'MECOM 2009' Oil, Gas and Utilities Forum was Mr. Maher Ezzedine, Corporate Sales Manager who demonstrated the ThurayaIP solution during the conference. He also talked about other solutions such as ThurayaMarine and Netted Comms which is a new service for group emergency communications.



ThurayaIP, is an advanced and reliable high-speed broadband terminal that is of a compact A-5 size. The portable solution supports transmission speed of up to 444 Kbps and has video-streaming that works at a speed up to 384 Kbps. ThurayaMarine is a multi-communication device designed for sea farers. Netted Comms is a solution based on ThurayaIP that allows users of different communication tools to cohesively access one another in a closed user group.

'MECOM 2009' is a conference and exhibition which is being held for the third year in Abu Dhabi. It provides the largest annual platform for the communications industry to showcase dedicated business to business solutions.

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About Thuraya (www.thuraya.com)

Thuraya provides cost-effective mobile satellite services in more than 140 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe and the Middle East. Services provided by Thuraya include mobile voice that support dual GSM and satellite mode, broadband, maritime, rural telephony, fleet management and other advanced applications that enable people and businesses everywhere under its coverage to enjoy constant access to communications and information. Thuraya enhances sectors such as oil and gas, mining, agriculture, NGOs and maritime services through its cutting edge technology.

The Company launched its third satellite in January 2008, which has brought countries of the Asia-Pacific region under its footprint and extended its coverage to nearly two thirds of the globe's population.

Thuraya was founded in 1997 by a consortium of leading national telecommunications operators and reputed investment firms from the region.

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