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## *Press Release*

# Thuraya Awards APSI for Excellence in Design and Manufacture of XT Satellite Handheld

**Abu Dhabi, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2010:** In appreciation of the high-quality design, performance and operation of the XT satellite handheld phone, Thuraya honoured Asia Pacific System Incorporated (APSI), Korean-based manufacturer of the world-renowned device, with a certificate of achievement.

The world's toughest satellite phone, Thuraya XT, has generated significant market interest since its launch due to its unprecedented ruggedness and durability. Designed and tested to endure the harshest of circumstances, the innovative phone was manufactured by Asia Pacific System Inc (APSI), the specialists in satellite communications equipment, for Thuraya Telecommunications Company, who launched it last year.

"Thuraya shares its success with APSI and recognises their achievement in manufacturing the XT satellite phone. This unique device has set industry standards for its robustness, reliability and efficiency and its performance is unparalleled," said Thuraya's Chief Technology Officer, Ali Al Mazrooei, during a special ceremony.

"Our long-term technological partnership with APSI has enabled the creation of a market-leading product in the satellite handheld sector. The Thuraya XT's ruggedness test results demonstrate just how tough the device is. The results were better than we expected and we have now set a benchmark in the industry," added Al Mazrooei.

Dr. Dae-il Oh, Senior Vice President, APSI, received the certificate which was presented to him by Mr. Al Mazrooei, in the presence of Thuraya's senior engineering team.

Thuraya is one of the major shareholders of APSI who manufactured Thuraya XT phone and other terminals over the last six years. Thuraya XT is the only handheld to be IP54/IK03 certified making it dust, splash water and shock proof. The

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handheld provides the fastest data service on a satellite handheld and has an extremely professional and user-friendly menu. Its sleek design also has a brightness sensor for readability in the bright outdoors which helps contribute to the battery life, which provides up to six hours of talk time and up to 80 hours standby time.

The phone has appealed to a large number of vertical customers in sectors such as oil and gas, military, government, large corporate and NGOs as well as individual users.

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About Thuraya ([www.thuraya.com](http://www.thuraya.com))

Thuraya provides cost-effective mobile satellite services in more than 140 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe, Australia and the Middle East. Services provided by Thuraya include broadband, maritime, mobile voice that support dual GSM and satellite mode, 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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