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Press Release

Thuraya Sponsors Woman Expeditionist Who Climbed Annapurna without Oxygen

Abu Dhabi, 1st June 2010: The 36-year-old Spanish adventurer, who climbed all of the fourteen 8,000 metre peaks in the world, has successfully summited Annapurna, one of the highest mountains in the Himalayas region, without oxygen. The progress and news of Edurne Pasaban during her conquer of Annapurna was transmitted in real-time to her fans and media through ThurayaIP, the world's smallest portable satellite broadband solution.

"The technology and convenience of ThurayaIP were wonderful. I was able to stay in contact with my family and friends, check weather forecasts, and update my blog and photos the whole time from that very distant peak on earth," said Pasaban whose communications was sponsored by Thuraya.

Pasaban, who runs her own adventure company "El Abeletxe" is a Basque mountaineer. She has climbed all of the fourteen 8,000 meter peaks in the world, as the second woman ever to do so after Oh Eun-Sun. In April and May 2010, she added Annapurna and Shisha Pangma to her world record.

With ThurayaIP, Pasaban sent emails and files and browsed the internet with high speed and efficiency.

"The size of the terminal makes it so handy. But more importantly, it was the first time that I was able to use this broadband facility without the need for wire connection. To beat the very cold weather up there, I kept ThurayaIP out in the snow, while I sat in the tent using the internet via the wireless capability of ThurayaIP," said Pasaban.

ThurayaIP has the capability to provide wireless broadband coverage within a range of up to 100 metres, which provides great convenience and flexibility for indoor/outdoor usage.

The service and coordination was provided to Pasaban by Satlink, Thuraya's National Service Provider in Spain.



Thuraya IP is a compact satellite broadband solution that provides data rates of up to 444 Kbps as well as video streaming rates of 384 Kbps. Backed by a congestion free network, the solution provides instant accessibility to Thuraya network no matter how many simultaneous terminals are being used. The solution supports wireless capabilities up to 100 meters making, providing extended mobility.

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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, 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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