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Press Release

Connect Telecom Sells Record 6,000 Thuraya XT Units

Abu Dhabi, 16th June 2010: Sales figures for Thuraya's XT mobile satellite handheld continue to increase at a brisk pace since its launch. One of Thuraya's leading service providers, Connect Telecom, recently announced the sale of an unprecedented 6,000 Thuraya XT handhelds since the start of the year. Connect Telecom sells the device to key markets such as Africa, the Middle East and South Asia, and within key vertical segments including large enterprises, governments, NGOs, media and the oil and gas sector, all who have expressed high customer satisfaction from the handheld.

"Discerning satellite phone customers who demand reliable, rugged and truly mobile handhelds have propelled the aggressive sales of Thuraya XT by Connect Telecom," said Thuraya's Chief Strategy Officer, Mr. Sultan Al Ghafli.

"We look forward to prolonged interest and impressive sales figures, as end users reap the benefits of a fully mobile, compact and highly efficient device for years to come," he continued.

Since its launch a year ago, Thuraya XT continues to be the smallest and lightest satellite handheld on the market weighing a mere 193 grams, reaffirming its ergonomic design which raises the bar in the handheld sector. Its lightweight design ensures the device can easily be transported and fit into one's pocket or backpack.

Mr. Joachim de Jenlis, Managing Director of the UAE-based Connect Telecom, said: "Since its launch into the market, all of our customers have praised Thuraya XT's dependable, high quality manufacturing, and this has been proven by the fact that not a single XT phone has been returned. This made us confidently extend the warranty of the phone from 12 to 24 months."

The innovative handheld currently offers the highest voice clarity and quality as its omni-directional antenna making all voice calls with Thuraya XT clear and reliable. The XT uniquely enables users to 'walk and talk' while maintaining the same level



of voice quality, despite the direction the antenna is facing. Even when the aerial is not fully extended, the device can continue to function normally for incoming calls.

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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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About Connect Telecom (www.connecttelecom.com)

Connect Telecom is a service provider for satellite telecommunications, head-quartered in Dubai (United Arab Emirates) with regional offices in Kabul



(Afghanistan) and an extensive distribution network spanning the Middle East, Africa and South-Asia.

Giving priority to customer services, Connect Telecom provide communication solutions to people in locations where local networks are either non-existent or unstable.

Sectors such as oil and gas, maritime, media, NGOs and governments are prime users of satellite services, when reliable telecommunications are in critical needs.

Connect Telecom is the largest wholesaler and distributor of Thuraya in the region.

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