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Press Release

Thuraya XT Antenna Uniquely Designed for Reliable Walk-and-Talk Communications

Abu Dhabi, 22nd June 2010: The Thuraya XT handset facilitates reliable and efficient walk and talk communications due to the combination of high-performance satellites from the Thuraya network and an omni-directional antenna designed to ensure enhanced mobility. The antenna allows customers the utmost in mobility and directional flexibility when using the phone.

Satellite phone users who are normally based in outdoor areas require the highest quality signal and reception from their handhelds. Instant phone calls and connectivity to the satellite network is a necessity. And as movement is intrinsic to outdoor areas, Thuraya ensures through advanced engineering that the antenna of the XT handheld fully supports "walk and talk" communications.

"Thuraya XT offers practical satellite communications for our highly mobile customers due to the robust design of the antenna of the phone. Without having to dedicate time and effort to finding the direction of the satellite, customers can very quickly make and receive calls even if they are not stationary," said Thuraya's Senior Manager Product Management, Mr. Rashid Baba.

"XT users will always feel they have complete freedom when using the XT because of the unique combination of the Thuraya satellite network and the advanced handset antenna which allows 360 degrees mobility," he added.

The handheld contains a High Penetration Alerting system which allows users to receive incoming calls even when the antenna is stowed. This feature further adds to the usability of the handheld as a communications tool especially for safety and emergency purposes.

"Further addressing customer needs, the XT handheld offers network and signal accessibility even if the antenna is not fully extended. Therefore, all incoming calls are received by the Thuraya XT in Thuraya's 140-country coverage area. Therefore they can easily and comfortably store the phone knowing that they can still be reached with the High Penetration Alerting system," elaborated Mr. Baba.

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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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