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Press Release

Thuraya XT Only Satellite Handheld Supporting GPS Waypoint Navigation

Abu Dhabi, 29th June 2010: Thuraya's XT handheld is the only satellite phone enabling GPS waypoint navigation services. This unique service allows users to navigate their way to a selected location with the phone providing distance and directional assistance through an electronic compass.

Since the users of satellite phones are normally based in outdoor and remote locations, they inevitably require GPS services to reach certain locations and to be reached in the event of an emergency.

"Through Thuraya XT's GPS application, our customers are able to access several handy and vital services. Most significant is the ability to navigate to a way point that is selected by the user. Thuraya XT's GPS services allows users to save their own GPS coordinates and, based on this the phone, automatically calculates the direction and distance to any required waypoint location," said Thuraya's Vice President Corporate Communications, Mr. Ebrahim K. Ebrahim.

"Not only that but Thuraya XT is the only satellite handheld in the market that has a GPS Helper function which allows users to consistently and automatically send their location so that they can be tracked. This is an important feature for monitoring and safety purposes and the position tracking can be essential in emergency situations," added Mr. Ebrahim.

He also added that only the user can select who is able to track the phone warding off any chance of unwanted tracking and increasing privacy and security.

"For further reliability, Thuraya XT allows customers to save any route taken through the Location Tracking feature which is useful in difficult terrain. The phone will automatically record your route while moving and it will save the waypoints along the route which makes it a very powerful navigation tool," elaborated Mr. Ebrahim.

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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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