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Press Release

Thuraya Appoints Stephen O'Neill of Boeing as Board Member

Abu Dhabi, 5th September 2011: Thuraya Telecommunications Company, a leading international mobile satellite services operator, announced the appointment of Mr. Stephen O'Neill, President of Boeing Satellite Systems International, Inc (BSSI), as a member of the Corporate Board of Directors.

BSSI is one of Thuraya's strategic shareholders and manufacturer of Thuraya's leading-edge commercial satellites. The appointment of Mr. Stephen O'Neill will further enhance the partnership between BSSI and Thuraya that traces back to the company's inception.

Mr. O' Neill has over 30 years of experience in the aerospace industry. With his hands-on experience in programmatic, engineering and program management for both commercial and government satellite programs plus extensive experience in the satellite launch industry, he brings a deep and broad background to Thuraya's present business development and will immeasurably add to Thuraya's transition in planning for the future. In his current position at BSSI he is responsible for the general management of the world's largest manufacturer of commercial communications satellites.

Thuraya's Chairman, Mr. Mohammad Omran, said, 'Mr. O'Neill is an exciting addition to our Board of Directors as his expertise in the aerospace industry will help shape the strategy for Thuraya's growth and future, enabling the Company to maintain its leadership position in the mobile satellite services industry.'

Thuraya is the market leader in mobile satellite handheld solutions with 70% market share within its coverage which spans 140 countries in Europe, Africa, Middle East, Asia and Australia. It is the pioneer of voice, data, and maritime solutions for the land, maritime and aero sectors. Major consumers of Thuraya solutions are from the government and vertical market industries such as defense, oil and gas, broadcast media, maritime, NGOs and large corporates.

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About Thuraya (www.thuraya.com)

Thuraya provides cost-effective mobile satellite services in more than 140 countries in Europe, Africa, Middle East, Asia and Australia. 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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