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## *Press Release*

# Thuraya Telecom Services Affected by Intentional Jamming in Libya

**Abu Dhabi, 25th February 2011:** Thuraya Telecommunications announced today that its mobile satellite communication services have been subjected to harmful and intentional interference in Libya over the past 7 days. The interference has affected both data and voice communications over Libya and some surrounding areas.

In a statement issued today, the company stated that it has conclusive evidence that demonstrates that the interference comes as a result of unlawful and intentional jamming activities. The company added that the reason for being a target for this jamming is likely to be the success of the company's products and services in the country and the wide availability of those in the market.

Thuraya stated that it will be looking for legal recourse, but that in the meantime, its technical teams have worked tirelessly to mitigate the impact of the interference. At the time of issuance of this statement, voice services were restored over much of the country. Thuraya-2 network is operational as normal in most of the coverage area. However the most impacted spot beams are the one that are covering Libya.

Thuraya is a leading provider of mobile satellite services in more than 140 countries in Europe, Africa, Middle East, Asia and Australia.

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