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Press Release

ThurayaIP Gains Momentum in Sudan

Abu Dhabi, 13th January 2009-----: ThurayaIP, the latest satellite broadband solution launched by leading mobile satellite operator (Thuraya), is seeing an accelerated growth with the signing of two commercial agreements to distribute and install the new data communications solution in Sudan. The two partnerships, signed respectively with National Telecom Corporation (NTC) which is the national telecom regulator, and SIDCO, a leading telecom vendor, are aimed at rolling out this competitive broadband solution in many regions and outreaches in the vast geography of Sudan, especially where terrestrial network coverage is currently unavailable.

NTC will be installing the new ThurayaIP terminals in service centers located in various regions in Sudan to facilitate telecom services and high-speed internet for communities located outside urban cities. On their part, SIDCO, one of Thuraya's active service provider, will market the ThurayaIP service to the oil and gas and government sectors.

ThurayaIP is a reliable broadband solution that meets the specific needs of different segments through its versatile technology. Sleekly designed with a compact A-5 size and transmission speed of 444 Kbps, it also has the most superior video streaming capacity in the market that functions at a speed of 384 Kbps. With limited and unlimited data packages available, ThurayaIP is a cost-saving terminal for both businesses and individual customers.

"The two agreements in Sudan reinforce our existing relationships with both NTC and SIDCO which are our great business partners in the large market of Sudan," said Thuraya's Chief Commercial Officer, Dr. Sven Rohte.

He also mentioned that with a demographic landscape composed of vast communities located in remote rural areas without appropriate communication networks, Thuraya is pleased to work with its Sudanese partners in providing efficient and convenient broadband solution that meets the needs and wants of corporate and government sectors as well as private customers.

"Users of ThurayaIP will always have guaranteed and uninterrupted access to bandwidth because Thuraya's network is not congested, enabling businesses



and customers to connect rapidly and reliably to the rest of the world,” elaborated Dr. Rohte.

About Thuraya (www.thuraya.com)

Thuraya provides cost-effective mobile satellite services in more than 140 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe and the Middle East. Services provided by Thuraya include mobile voice that support dual GSM and satellite mode, broadband, maritime, 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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