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Press Release

Thuraya to Launch Post-Paid Mobile Satellite Services in Libya

Abu Dhabi, 8th November 2010: Major customers in Libya will now be able to enjoy Thuraya's post-paid mobile satellite handheld services. This comes after the signing of a commercial agreement between the mobile satellite operator and Al Jeel Al Jadeed, a firm specialised in satellite communications.

This follows the assignment of Al Jeel Al Jadeed, which is a subsidiary to Libya Post Telecom and Information Technology Company (LPTIC) that replaces old General Post and Telecommunications Company (GPTC), as a distributor of Thuraya IP and Marine services which will be promoted to vertical markets in Libya. Al Jeel Al Jadeed will be focusing on targeting large corporate organisations which form the main customer base of satellite-based communications services.

"With Thuraya going more towards vertical markets, it makes a lot of sense to gear business offerings towards service models appropriate for corporate users, and the post-paid satellite handheld service is a prime example of that direction. Post-paid services ensure customers credit availability as opposed to pre-paid services whereby customers have to observe their credit limits," said Thuraya's Chief Technology Officer, Mr. Ali Al Mazrooei.

He also added that both Thuraya IP and Marine are compact and user-friendly solutions that will be rolled out rapidly through the distribution network of Al Jeel Al Jadeed.

On a similar note, Mr. Mohamed Hassan, CEO and Chairman of Al Jeel Al Jadeed said, "We are very proud to be the first to introduce post-paid services for mobile satellite handhelds to the Libyan market and facilitate voice communications for our customers. Thuraya's competitive products, IP and Marine will be met with great demand in Libya due to their advanced features and efficiency."

He elaborated that Thuraya's diverse portfolio including voice, data, maritime and tracking services meets the needs of vertical market sectors such as government, corporate and oil and gas firms.

Thuraya's handheld pre-paid services have been available in Libya since 2002 and the introduction of post-paid services is an expansion of the Company's offerings.



Thuraya IP is the world's smallest satellite broadband solution and capable of achieving streaming speeds of 384 Kbps. With Standard IP speeds of up to 444 Kbps, Thuraya IP requires no additional software for installation as it is based on a user-friendly plug and play system. A-5 sized which adds to its portability and mobility, it is the only satellite broadband solution with asymmetric streaming where customers can select upload and download speeds for high quality service cost-effectively.

Thuraya Marine is a multi-communication device offering voice, data, SMS and fax services onboard ships. The solution also provides distress calling services to organisations selected by the customer. The solution is easy-to-install and has an advanced antenna that is omni-directional and flexibly moves with the ship.

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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 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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