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Press Release

Thuraya Launches Smallest IP Antenna for Enhanced Speed and Portability

Abu Dhabi, 7th September 2010: To enhance streaming speeds of Thuraya's IP terminal, the Company has launched a new compact antenna manufactured by the antenna specialist, SCAN Antenna.

SCAN Active antenna for Thuraya IP is the smallest in the market and provides 384 Kbps uplink and downlink streaming speeds reliably. This antenna is ideal for many market segments including the broadcast and defense which require portable solutions when streaming from the field and wish to fit this compact unit in their gear.

"The new SCAN Active antenna provides connectivity through Thuraya IP ensuring customers have high quality streaming performance in an extremely portable solution. Users can access 384 Kbps streaming speeds in the uplink or downlink without having to worry about using any bulky antenna," said Thuraya's Senior Manager Product Management, Mr. Rashid Baba.

"The broadcast sector will find it most convenient due to its size and weight making it easy to carry. With this antenna they can connect and stream videos very quickly and efficiently at high speeds providing breaking news as it happens," elaborated Mr. Baba.

He also added that the new SCAN Active antenna is battery powered and has a long cable that runs up to 30 meters.

Thuraya IP is the world's smallest satellite broadband solution providing Standard speeds of 444 Kbps and was the first to reach streaming speeds of 384 Kbps. It is uniquely A-5 sized making it very compact and portable. Based on a plug and play system, Thuraya IP is very user-friendly in addition to being cost-effective. The solution has attracted several vertical market users from segments such as broadcast media, oil and gas, military, government 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 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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About SCAN Antenna (www.scan-antenna.com)

SCAN Antenna supply precision antennas to some of the world's most advanced, market leading companies. The antennas fit in satellite voice/data, mobile/wireless GSM, GPS, marine/land based radio and other specialty systems. SCAN Antenna is a long established company (formed in 1947), and has a large number of designs for customers including global blue-chip companies. The product range mostly consists of customized products, while about forty percent covers standard products.

SCAN Antenna is a technology-focused company. Growth has come from its reputation for supplying quality products, and providing effective and well documented manufacturing and quality control. The Company has modern Head Quarters and laboratories with the most advanced design, simulation, test & measurement tools.

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