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Press Release

Thuraya Appoints Robert Demers as VP Government Services

Abu Dhabi, 3rd July 2011: Thuraya, a leading international mobile satellite services (MSS) operator has appointed Mr. Robert Demers as Vice President for Government Services. In his new role, Mr. Demers will be developing and managing Thuraya's global government business sector, especially defense in the US, Europe, Middle East and Asia.

This appointment is aimed at significantly enhancing Thuraya's position within government and defense telecom market around the world.

Prior to joining Thuraya, Mr. Demers held several key management positions in the mobile satellite services (MSS) as well as the fixed satellite services (FSS) industries. His extensive experience working within the government sector coupled with a service record in the US Army spanning 22 years makes him an extremely valuable addition to the Thuraya team.

Thuraya's Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Samer Halawi said, "Mr. Demers' depth of experience in the commercial satellite telecom industry, especially in supporting the requirements of the government sector, will be a huge advantage to Thuraya. His experience will be instrumental in the building and development of strong relations across government and defense organisations. He, along with his dedicated team, have great expertise in understanding and delivering on the special requirements and projects in this significantly vital sector".

Thuraya provides advanced space-based data, maritime and voice services in 140 countries. Thuraya IP, world's smallest satellite broadband solution to support 384 Kbps streaming, and Thuraya XT, the world's most rugged satellite handheld, are part of its extensive product portfolio. The portfolio also includes several maritime, aeronautical, tracking and emergency communication solutions that are usually in demand by government and military institutions.

Key to Thuraya's strong portfolio for the government sector is its powerful network that has high gain spot beams and dynamic resource allocation, which enables it to support multiple voice and data users wherever and whenever needed in its 140-country coverage area.

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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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