

Press Release

Thuraya Displays Telecom Solutions that Enable Digital Oil-Field at World Petroleum Congress

Abu Dhabi, 30th November 2011: The global energy business represents trillions of dollars per annum. The industry involves hundreds of huge exploration, production, refinery and storage facilities around the globe. The majority of oil and gas sites are located in remote on-shore areas or at sea. Hence, for efficient operations and communications between the different teams and locations, energy professionals rely heavily on satellite communications, especially during exploration phases and off-shore activity which require mobility and flexibility.

Thuraya, the leading international mobile satellite operator has consistently pioneered the most compact satellite telecom solutions in the market that empower digital oil-field operations for the energy sector. Supported by a robust network, Thuraya's cutting-edge product portfolio feature the world's smallest satellite broadband solution to support 384 Kbps streaming "Thuraya IP" and the smallest robust satellite handheld "Thuraya XT" which both provide vital and reliable communications for energy professionals.

The Thuraya IP, XT phone, together with the soon-to-be-launched MarineNet Pro (for maritime high-speed data), Seagull 5000i (for maritime voice, fax and SMS services) and specialized antenna for Comms-on-the-Move will all be on display at the world's largest energy event, World Petroleum Congress, taking place from 4 to 8 December 2011 in Qatar.

Thuraya's ubiquitous coverage area spanning Europe, Africa, Middle East, Asia and Australia covers most of the world's largest energy operation and reserves and the Company's high-speed data and voice solutions have been deployed by several prominent energy companies for on-shore and off-shore communications.

"Thuraya has a full suite of satellite communications solutions that we are proud to be displaying during the World Petroleum Congress. Industry professionals will be able to experience and get familiar with our range of products and accessories that includes high-speed data, voice, marine communications, tracking and other solutions. What differentiates Thuraya's solutions in the satellite market is that it has packaged those solutions in the most compact hardware terminals and with the most flexible pricing packages. In the case of energy consumers, we have the unique flexibility of offering our



services on the basis of monthly contracts," said Thuraya's Vice President Corporate and Marketing Communications, Mr. Ebrahim K. Ebrahim.

The Thuraya IP solution is used by energy oil and gas engineers and professionals for sending maps, photos, videos, vector drawings, CAD files and urgent field operational reports. Additionally, the terminal can boost SCADA systems by enabling the monitoring of oil wells and pipelines. It's also an instrumental tool for efficiently communicating reports and information on the pressure, corrosion and pipeline temperature.

For off-shore communications, Thuraya will be exhibiting the soon to be launched MarineNet Pro solution that provides broadband maritime services with speeds up to 444 Kbps Standard IP and 384 Streaming IP. On the other hand, the Seagull 5000i is a cost effective maritime voice solution, providing voice, data, SMS and fax services.

Held every three years, the World Petroleum Congress and Exhibition is the largest oil and gas industry gathering in the world.

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About Thuraya (www.thuraya.com)

Thuraya is a leading international mobile satellite services operator that provides quality, affordable communication solutions in more than 140 countries across Europe, Africa, Middle East, Asia and Australia. Thuraya's portfolio encompasses data, voice and maritime products and services that support dual GSM and satellite mode and advanced applications, to provide people and businesses with constant connectivity when they need it most. Thuraya specifically designs successful satellite communication solutions for vertical sectors such as energy, media, government, NGOs and maritime.

Thuraya's robust, powerful satellite network enables two-thirds of the globe's population to communicate clearly and effectively in areas underserved by terrestrial networks.

Thuraya was founded in 1997 by a consortium of leading national telecommunications operators and reputed regional and international investment firms, and is the world's leading provider of mobile satellite handsets in its coverage area, with nearly 65% market share.

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