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Press Release

Thuraya signs MoU with UAE's National Transport Authority

Abu Dhabi – 2nd February 2011: Leading mobile satellite operator Thuraya today signed a Memorandum of Understanding with UAE's National Transport Authority (NTA) aiming to set a framework for mutual support and collaboration in the field of mobile satellite telecommunications.

According to the MoU, Thuraya and NTA will explore and define areas of potential cooperation for the deployment of Thuraya services and solutions onboard UAE flagships. Both parties will also coordinate efforts to meet NTA's satellite communications requirements inside and outside the UAE.

Additionally, on an international level Thuraya and the NTA will liaise with the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) for the accreditation of Thuraya's maritime offerings.

The MoU was signed by Thuraya's Chief Strategy Officer Mr. Sultan Al Ghafli, and NTA's Acting Director General and Executive Director of the Maritime Sector H.E. Salem Al Zaabi on the opening day of the 1st Transport and Maritime Law Conference, organized by the Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi in collaboration with NTA.

Speaking about the MoU, Mr. Sultan Al Ghafli, Thuraya's Chief Strategy Officer, said: "Thuraya has an excellent portfolio of satellite data and voice telecom solutions for the maritime industry and other sea-related segments. This MoU paves the way for future collaboration that will extend our presence in the maritime sector on a national and international scale."

On his part, H.E. Salim Al Zaabi, Acting Director General and Executive Director of the Maritime Sector at NTA, said: "Signing an MoU with Thuraya will open the door for us to explore areas of mutual cooperation that will support NTA's pioneering role in the UAE. We are excited about partnering with Thuraya to implement advanced and reliable satellite telecommunications solutions in land vehicles and sea vessels in the UAE."

The NTA is the government entity that oversees the efficiency and safety of the UAE's land and sea transport networks. Thuraya is a world leading mobile satellite operator that has a diverse portfolio of voice, data, and video solutions that meet the needs of vertical market segments across its 140-country coverage area spanning Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Asia Pacific, and Australia

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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 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's target markets are the oil and gas industry, media, government and military, mining, agriculture, NGOs, and maritime and aviation industries.

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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