

Hughes Launches High-Speed Satellite Internet Service in Ecuador

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HughesNet®, world's largest satellite Internet service expands footprint in Western Hemisphere, reaching more than 90% of Ecuadorean homes, helping to bridge the digital divide

QUITO, Ecuador, Dec. 10, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- [Hughes Network Systems](#), LLC (HUGHES), the global leader in broadband satellite networks and services, today announced the launch of HughesNet®, its high-speed satellite Internet service for consumers and businesses, in Ecuador. Operating over the [Hughes 63 West](#) High-Throughput Satellite (HTS) payload, its broadband coverage reaches more than 90 percent of homes throughout Ecuador, including areas unserved or underserved by terrestrial providers. According to figures from the [National Institute of Statistics and the Ecuador Census](#), though Internet penetration is over 50 percent in urban areas, 61 percent of people in rural areas do not have access to the Internet.



"We are committed to bringing affordable Internet service to people and businesses everywhere in the world to help promote education, social well-being and economic development," said Pradman Kaul, president of Hughes. "Following on our successful launch of HughesNet service in Brazil, Colombia and Peru, we take pride in bringing our signature high-speed satellite Internet to Ecuador to help connect the unconnected and bridge the digital divide."

To date, more than 1.3 million consumer and business subscribers in the Americas enjoy the many benefits of high-speed Internet access with HughesNet. Service plans offered in Ecuador come with built-in Wi-Fi and include speeds of up to 50 Mbps download / 5 Mbps upload.

"This next step in Ecuador continues our strategy to expand HughesNet service across the Americas," said Vinod Jain, vice president International at Hughes. "Ecuador is an important and growing market, and we intend to bring consumers and businesses attractive pricing plans with fast and reliable service — enabling them to do more online, including email, shopping, downloading music and video, using social media or just browsing the web."

HughesNet is powered by the latest generation of the Hughes JUPITER™ System, the world's most widely deployed satellite broadband platform, which employs the DVB-S2X standard for highly efficient use of satellite bandwidth. The JUPITER System supports a wide range of applications, from broadband Internet / Intranet access, to community Wi-Fi hotspots, cellular backhaul, digital signage and mobility, including airborne services.

For more information about HughesNet in Ecuador, please visit: www.hughesnet.com.ec.

About Hughes Network Systems

Hughes Network Systems, LLC (HUGHES) is the global leader in broadband satellite technology and services for home and office. Its flagship high-speed satellite Internet service is HughesNet®, the world's largest satellite network with over 1.3 million residential and business customers across North and South America. For large enterprises and governments, the company's HughesON® managed network services provide complete connectivity solutions employing an optimized mix of satellite and terrestrial technologies. The JUPITER™ System is the world's most widely deployed High-Throughput Satellite (HTS) platform, operating on more than 20 satellites by leading service providers, delivering a wide range of broadband enterprise, mobility and cellular backhaul applications. To date, Hughes has shipped more than 7 million terminals of all types to customers in over 100 countries, representing approximately 50 percent market share, and its technology is powering broadband services to aircraft around the world.

Headquartered outside Washington, D.C., in Germantown, Maryland, USA, Hughes operates sales and support offices worldwide, and is a wholly owned subsidiary of EchoStar Corporation (NASDAQ: SATS), a premier global provider of satellite operations. For additional information about Hughes, please visit www.hughes.com and follow [@HughesConnects](#) on Twitter.

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