

## **Hughes Expands Global Leadership in Voice over Satellite**

## Newly launched HughesNet Voice service rolling out in U.S.

GERMANTOWN, Md., June 17, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Hughes Network Systems, LLC (HUGHES), the global leader in broadband satellite solutions and services, today announced the launch of HughesNet<sup>®</sup> Voice, its feature-rich home Voice over IP (VoIP) solution. It is already available to subscribers in the U.S.

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Bundled along with HughesNet — the nation's largest high-speed satellite Internet service, HughesNet Voice brings customers significant savings in long distance calling together with advanced telephony features such as call forwarding to multiple phones and enhanced voicemail, including email and text notification.

The introduction of HughesNet Voice comes on the heels of numerous successful VoIP over satellite deployments throughout the world. For example, in Mexico, a Hughes VoIP solution serves more than 30,000 subscriber lines in remote villages, delivering the full benefits of high quality digital phone service. Similarly in Spain, Telefonica Spain uses Hughes VoIP in rural and remote areas for over 10,000 subscriber lines. And Telkom South Africa is implementing an extensive Hughes VoIP network to reach approximately 5,000 customers who currently lack landline phone service.

In North America, HughesNet Voice customers enjoy high Quality of Service (QoS) calling as a result of new technology Hughes developed in its latest HughesNet Gen4 service delivery system, which establishes dedicated bandwidth for voice traffic, eliminating interference with data running over their satellite Internet connection.

"We've been delivering high quality public network VoIP services to our enterprise customers for many years," said Mike Cook, senior vice president, Hughes, "and have now leveraged that experience to deliver a compelling voice solution for consumers around the world. Customers say they love having a new affordable phone service option with the many advanced features that HughesNet Voice offers, giving them a truly industry-leading telephony solution."

In the U.S., HughesNet Voice is available in a variety of plan options, including international calling, giving HughesNet customers a choice in selecting the bundle that best suits their needs. Users can save as much as 25 to 30 percent over traditional landline phone service.

For additional information on HughesNet Voice, please visit HughesNet.com/voice.

## **About Hughes Network Systems**

Hughes Network Systems, LLC (Hughes) is the world's leading provider of satellite broadband for home and office, delivering innovative network technologies, managed services and solutions for enterprises and governments globally. HughesNet<sup>®</sup> is the #1 high-speed satellite Internet service in the marketplace, with offerings to suit every budget. To date, Hughes has shipped more than 3.3million systems to customers in over 100 countries, representing over 50 percent market share. Its products employ global standards approved by the TIA, ETSI and ITU organizations, including IPoS/DVB-S2, RSM-A and GMR-1.

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 and digital TV solutions. For additional information about Hughes, please visit <a href="https://www.hughes.com">www.hughes.com</a>.

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