

SPTI-BOLDT Group Argentina Expands Lottery Network with Hughes Broadband Satellite System

Hughes Supplies 2000 Terminals Across Argentina for Lottery Network

GERMANTOWN, Md., March 3, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- <u>Hughes Network Systems</u>, LLC (Hughes), the world's leading provider of broadband satellite solutions and services, today announced that it has been awarded a contract by SPTI-Boldt Group Argentina, a major telecommunications service provider, to supply an additional 2,000 Hughes broadband satellite terminals in support of SPTI-Boldt's lottery network.



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SPTI-Boldt has been providing service to Banco Provincia using a Hughes broadband satellite system since 2009 to connect 4,000 lottery sites in the Buenos Aires province. Fully compliant with the IPoS/DVB-S2 standard, including ACM (Adaptive Coding and Modulation), the Hughes system is the world's most field-proven broadband satellite platform, supporting a wide range of bandwidth-intensive applications including VoIP, high-speed Internet access, interactive distance learning, video conferencing and multimedia streaming.

"We have been very pleased with the performance of the Hughes broadband system over these past several years," said Carlos Biderman, general manager of SPTI-Boldt Group Argentina. "We want to continue doing business with a company that shares our vision, who has solutions that meet our current needs, who is innovative, and who exhibits leadership in the development of new technology. Hughes has all of these qualities."

Hugo Frega, senior sales director of the Central America and Latin America (CALA) region at Hughes, said, "This new contract for an additional 2,000 satellite terminals is a testament to the resiliency of our solutions. The Hughes System enables SPTI-Boldt to offer an expanding range of broadband IP services throughout Argentina, employing the most cost-effective satellite platform in the marketplace. We are proud of the relationship we have with SPTI-Boldt and hope to continue it for years to come."

About SPTI-Boldt Group Argentina

Boldt S.A., an Argentine public company, is a leader in information technology services, entertainment centers, tourist resorts, gaming, and security printing. In each of these areas the company sets the standard of excellence, providing comprehensive solutions customized to the needs of each of its customers. Boldt has more than 75 years of experience providing reliable services to its customers.

SPTI is an Argentine telecommunications carrier, formed by Boldt in 1994. Handling over one hundred million transactions per month and connecting more than ten thousand points of presence, SPTI has become Argentina's leading wireless telecommunications company. For additional information, please visit www.boldt.com.ar.

About Hughes Network Systems

Hughes Network Systems, LLC (Hughes) is the global leader in satellite broadband for home and office, delivering innovative solutions and a comprehensive suite of HughesON™ managed services for enterprises and governments worldwide. HughesNet[®] is the #1 high-speed satellite Internet service in the marketplace, with offerings to suit every budget. To date, Hughes has shipped more than 5 million systems to customers in over 100 countries, representing close to 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 www.hughes.com.

About EchoStar

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