



Hughes Provides Airborne and Maritime Solutions for International Coalition Partner

Contract Supports In-flight and At-sea Satellite Communications

GERMANTOWN, Md., Jan. 17, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Hughes Network Systems, LLC (HUGHES), the global leader in broadband satellite solutions and services, today announced it has been awarded a contract to provide airborne and maritime tactical communications solutions for an international Coalition partner supporting intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) initiatives. Under the terms of the agreement, Hughes will employ its advanced HX System, a platform that provides full Internet Protocol (IP) functionality with enhanced security standards to meet the unique requirements of ISR applications.

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"We are pleased to continue to support allies of the United States and enhance international missions," said Rick Lober, vice president and general manager of Hughes Defense and Intelligence Systems Division. "Our powerful and field proven HX System is ideal for ISR applications, delivering bandwidth efficient solutions to help reduce costs while also providing the most advanced communications-on-the-move technologies available to military and government customers."

The HX architecture employs one or more sophisticated Gateways under a single, comprehensive network management system—ExpertNMS— with a highly intuitive and interactive user interface, featuring advanced diagnostics. The system's bandwidth allocation scheme ensures optimal utilization of satellite bandwidth by releasing assignments to idle terminals, resulting in lower operational costs and improved efficiency.

To learn more about the HX System visit, <http://defense.hughes.com/platforms-and-technologies/hx-system>.

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® is the #1 high-speed satellite Internet service in the marketplace, with offerings to suit every budget. To date, Hughes has shipped more than 2.5 million 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 www.hughes.com.

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