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Hughes Receives 'Hazardous Locations Accreditation' for the 9502 Integrated Antenna BGAN M2M Terminal

GERMANTOWN, Md., Dec. 3, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- [Inmarsat](#) (LSE: ISAT), the leading provider of global mobile satellite communications services, and [Hughes Network Systems, LLC](#) (HUGHES), the global leader in broadband satellite solutions and services, today announced that the Hughes 9502 integrated antenna BGAN (Broadband Global Area Network) M2M (machine-to-machine) terminal has received Hazardous Locations Accreditation.

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The Hughes 9502 integrated antenna BGAN terminal, which features the modem positioned behind the antenna, is now approved for use in hazardous environments, such as in the Oil & Gas sector, where explosive gaseous atmospheres may potentially be present. The device has been certified for environments classified as Class 1, Division 2, Groups A-D, and ATEX Zone 2, Group IIC, Category 3. Testing was conducted by Met Laboratories, Inc., an accredited laboratory.

The all-weather IP66 rated terminal is sealed to provide a high degree of intrusion protection by dust or moisture from any direction, and is identical in operation to the Hughes 9502 BGAN terminal with external antenna, but without the need for cables or enclosure.

Gerbrand Schalkwijk, vice president, Enterprise Energy, Inmarsat, said, "Being able to deliver an additional terminal form factor to M2M customers in the energy sector is an important step forward. It strengthens Inmarsat's portfolio offer, particularly in the O&G market, and demonstrates our commitment to delivering solutions that meet the specific requirements of our energy customers."

"This important certification represents the fourth BGAN M2M terminal offered by Hughes, which underscores our commitment to the overall machine-to-machine market and the upstream energy segment in particular," said Graham Avis, general manager of Hughes San Diego. "Requiring only DC power and Ethernet connections, this integrated product provides our customers with a flexible and easily installed solution at remote sites, virtually anywhere."

About Inmarsat

Inmarsat plc is the leading provider of global mobile satellite communications services. Since 1979, Inmarsat has been providing reliable voice and high-speed data communications to governments, enterprises and other organizations, with a range of services that can be used on land, at sea or in the air. Inmarsat employs around 1,600 staff in more than 60 locations around the world, with a presence in the major ports and centres of commerce on every continent. Inmarsat is listed on the London Stock Exchange (LSE: ISAT.L). For more information, please visit www.inmarsat.com.

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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 3.3 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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