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Hughes 15th Annual Satellite Technology Seminar in Russia Focuses on Broadband

Powering economic development by closing the digital divide

MOSCOW, May 17, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Hughes Network Systems, LLC (HUGHES), the world's leading provider of broadband satellite networks and services, today held its 15th annual Satellite Technology Seminar in Moscow focusing on the global explosion in broadband and its critical importance to economic growth, and showcasing the company's wide range of innovative systems and solutions to an audience of over 100, including major service providers, partners, and media from Russia and CIS countries.

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As confirmed in the latest COMSYS research report, Hughes' unrivalled technology and service capabilities have ensured the company's continued leadership, evidenced in Russia and CIS countries by shipping to date over 45,000 broadband satellite terminals to 23 service provider customers, representing over 50% market share. From supplying a comprehensive broadband satellite solution of over 2,000 sites to RTComm for the recent Russian presidential election, to delivering a cost-effective consumer Internet access solution to Altgrosky—now the largest privately-held satellite service provider in Russia—Hughes continues to lead in this strategically important region.

"Broadband penetration is critical to economic growth, and this seminar is the ideal opportunity to share our vision and experience with our rapidly growing base of service provider partners," said Dr. Arunas Sleky, vice president and general manager of Russia/CIS. "Hughes pioneered high-speed satellite Internet technology, which has proven to be the most cost-effective way to close the digital divide and reach the huge population of homes and businesses unserved by terrestrial technologies. Now with over 630,000 consumer subscribers on our HughesNet® service in North America—the world's largest satellite Internet network—we see significant opportunity to expand that successful model here and across the globe."

In their presentations, Hughes senior executives highlighted the extensive benefits of the company's new HX System 4.0 which will further strengthen its application in specialty markets such as IP trunking, 3G/4G cellular backhaul, Virtual Network Operator (VNO) hosting, and 'Comms On-The-Move' (COTM) for airborne/maritime/land solutions. This year's seminar also featured authorized service provider partners at a roundtable session to share their experiences implementing Hughes technology in a diverse range of applications and projects.

At the close of the seminar, Konstantin Lanin, head of the Hughes office in Moscow, said, "Our annual seminar has become a cherished tradition for so many years, and we are now positioned better than ever locally to support the growing needs of our customers with state-of-the-art broadband satellite solutions and the experienced technical people to implement them."

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 2.8 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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