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Intelsat Adds IPoS and DIRECWAY 7000 to List of Approved Satellite Broadband Standards and Platforms

Successful lab testing paves the way for global distribution through Intelsat customers

Pembroke, Bermuda, 18 August 2005 — Intelsat, Ltd. announced today that it had successfully completed laboratory testing and analysis of Hughes Network Systems' (HNS) DW7000 satellite broadband platform, clearing the way for the system and the Internet Protocol over Satellite (IPoS) standard to be added to the portfolio of broadband technologies Intelsat markets through its worldwide customer base.

Ramu Potarazu, Intelsat's COO, said "Intelsat is constantly searching for technologies that provide high value to our customers and their end users. When HNS introduced us to their new DW7000 platform, we were immediately intrigued by its balance of high performance and favorable economics. Rigorous testing in the Intelsat labs confirmed what we suspected when we first encountered the product—the DW7000 and the IPoS air interface are winners."

"DIRECWAY technology has consistently led the satellite broadband market in terms of performance, reliability and economy," said HNS Chairman and CEO, Pradman Kaul. "We're looking forward to extending the reach of IPoS and our DW7000 platform through Intelsat's blue-chip community of global channels—many of whom are offering high-quality broadband services to just the types of customers our DIRECWAY platform targets. The IPoS standard is the only two-way satellite air interface recognized by the ITU, TIA, ETSI, and now Intelsat."

The DW7000 family of broadband satellite routers consists of two initial offerings: the DW7700 for high-performance enterprise and government requirements, and the DW7000 for small business and consumer customers. The product line is ideally suited for organizations that require ubiquitous broadband coverage and always-on Internet connections, and that use bandwidth-intensive applications ranging from two-way video to large data files attached to e-mails.

The IPoS standard is used by the DW7000 family of satellite routers to achieve high bandwidth efficiency, low latency and high quality of service. In addition, the DW7000 family of satellite routers integrates a powerful processor and ample memory, allowing the platform not only to accelerate user data, but also to provide a full set of IP routing features. The result is a platform able to support more than 35 simultaneous accelerated TCP sessions, more than 45 mbps of multicast traffic, over 10 mbps of UDP throughput and more than two mbps of accelerated HTTP throughput.

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About Hughes Network Systems

Hughes Network Systems, LLC (HNS) is the world's leading provider of broadband satellite network solutions for businesses and consumers, with more than 800,000 systems ordered or shipped to customers in 85 countries. HNS pioneered the development of high-speed satellite Internet access services and IP-based networks, which it markets globally under the DIRECWAY® brand. DIRECWAY terminals are based on the IPoS (IP over Satellite) global standard, approved by TIA, ETSI, and the ITU standards organizations.

Headquartered outside Washington, D.C., in Germantown, Maryland, USA, HNS maintains sales and support offices worldwide. SkyTerra Communications, Inc. (OTCBB:SKYT) and The DIRECTV Group, Inc. (NYSE:DTV) each own 50% of HNS. SkyTerra is its managing member. For additional information, please visit www.hns.com.

About Intelsat

Intelsat is a global communications provider offering flexible and secure services to customers in over 220 countries and territories. Intelsat has maintained a leadership position for over 40 years by distributing video, voice, and data for television and content providers, government and military entities, major corporations, telecommunications carriers, and Internet service providers. Intelsat's reach, power and expanding solutions portfolio deliver information reliably and quickly to every corner of the globe. For more information, visit www.intelsat.com.

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