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THURAYA SELECTS NEWTEC'S TELLINET FOR INCREASED BROADBAND PERFORMANCE

As part of Thuraya's continuous efforts to enhance the performance of its competitive ThurayaIP broadband solution, Thuraya has selected Newtec's TelliNet solution. TelliNet, part of Newtec's Tellitec[®] IP Software product portfolio, will further boost the performance of ThurayaIP and reinforce its leading position in the satellite broadband arena as a solution that provides the most efficient service.

TelliNet is Newtec's Performance Enhancement Proxy (PEP), which significantly improves the level of customer satisfaction when web surfing, downloading files, receiving streaming services or using other Internet services. Through this enhancement, customers of ThurayaIP will experience much faster throughput in StandardIP and StreamingIP mode while using the unique ThurayaIP broadband terminal.

The ThurayaIP terminal is an efficient A5 sized portable and lightweight broadband solution that is one of the major growth drivers of Thuraya. It is supported by a congestion free network and transmission speeds of up to 444 Kbit/s. It has a world class video streaming functionality that reaches speeds up to 384 Kbit/s. The product is popular with several sectors such as the media, oil and gas, government, NGOs, military, corporate as well as individual users.

"We already have one of the most competitive satellite broadband solutions in the world and with Newtec's TelliNet software upgrade, we are going to increase the current speed of web surfing and reduce the data download time by more than 50 % making ThurayaIP an extremely attractive proposition since customers will have access to speed, a superior network and high quality service," said Thuraya's Chief Commercial Officer, Dr. Sven Rohte. He also elaborated that: *"this new enhancement of ThurayaIP will benefit customers from all of Thuraya's target segments"*.

TelliNet is an IP traffic enhancement software solution belonging to Newtec's Tellitec[®] IP software product portfolio, which also encompasses the unique TelliShape DVB-S2 IP traffic shaper software and the well known TelliCast datacasting software products. TelliNet seamlessly enhances TCP communication and increases end-user satisfaction on high-latency networks even in presence of network congestion.

Christian Zanoth, Business Line Director Tellitec Software and Solutions at Newtec said: *"TelliNet is a versatile product that uses advanced technologies to enhance IP applications over satellite while increasing in parallel the bandwidth efficiency and providing full end-user privacy. We are pleased that our technology has been selected by Thuraya to further optimize their current and future broadband solutions."*

The new ThurayaIP service enhancement is currently deployed and expected to be commercially launched before the end of this month.

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ABOUT NEWTEC

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Newtec is the European market leader in Satellite Communications, offering highly reliable products and solutions including DVB-S2 modulators and modems, Digital TV & Radio Distribution and Exchange networks, IP Broadband Access Networks as well as software solutions for the optimization of Internet traffic to customers worldwide.

With its ambitious policy of re-investment in R&D, Newtec is recognized as a forerunner in several innovative satellite communication technologies, which have been published as industry standards (DVB, DVB-S2, DVB RCS and iSatTV Cenelec pr EN50478).

Established in 1985, and headquartered in Belgium, the company has regional offices located in Stamford (US), Singapore (Singapore), Beijing (China), Dubai (UAE) and São Paulo (Brazil). Newtec's subsidiary TurboConcept in Brest (France), develops Intellectual Property Cores for turbo and LDPC building blocks.

Newtec's Tellitec® IP software products for Internet traffic optimization and data communication are engineered in Newtec's research and development facilities in Berlin (Germany), Newtec Communications GmbH.

For more information on TelliNet IP software visit: **www.newtec.eu/TelliNet** or visit Newtec at **IBC2009 show, booth 1.A49**. Newtec's new products and technologies as well as a **TelliNet Acceleration demo** together with the **ThurayaIP Solution will be demonstrated** at IBC 11th until 15th of September in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. For more information visit: **www.newtec.eu/IBC2009**.

ABOUT THURAYA

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Thuraya provides cost-effective mobile satellite services in more than 140 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe and the Middle East. Services provided by Thuraya include mobile voice that support dual GSM and satellite mode, broadband, maritime, rural telephony, fleet management and other advanced applications that enable people and businesses everywhere under its coverage to enjoy constant access to communications and information. Thuraya enhances sectors such as oil and gas, mining, agriculture, NGOs and maritime services through its cutting edge technology.

The Company launched its third satellite in January 2008, which has brought countries of the Asia-Pacific region under its footprint and extended its coverage to nearly two thirds of the globe's population.

Thuraya was founded in 1997 by a consortium of leading national telecommunications operators and reputed investment firms from the region.

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