



Thuraya and Ground Control Expand Satcom Connectivity Options for the US Market

- Thuraya's technology partner and integrator will distribute its products and services to key government, maritime and IoT/M2M customers in the United States

Abu Dhabi, UAE, July 14, 2020: Thuraya, the mobile satellite services subsidiary of Al Yah Satellite Communications Company, (Yahsat), has signed partnership agreement with the US-based Ground Control Systems Inc. owned by Wireless Innovations Ltd, to distribute its products and services within the country and the rest of the world.

Thuraya is already a well-established brand in the United States, working closely with leading enterprises such as Hughes, Boeing, Viasat and SRT Wireless. The new partnership not only helps Ground Control customers benefit from Thuraya's award-winning technology but also gives them access to its satellite communications services in more than 160 countries across Europe, Asia, Africa and Australasia.

Shawkat Ahmed, Thuraya's Chief commercial Officer said, "We are delighted to expand the parameters of our relationship with Ground Control to include distribution of products and services. This alliance is important to us as it will broaden our reach within specific verticals. Ground Control has a wealth of experience and understanding of the US market, which coupled with the strength and reliability of our services, will enhance the connectivity experience for customers in the region."

For over 18 years, Ground Control has provided specialized, end-to-end satellite communications solutions to government, energy, maritime and leisure sectors.

Jeff Staples, Chief Executive Officer of Ground Control Systems Inc. stated, "We have been working with Thuraya for many years now and share the same ethos and consulting approach to help our customers find the right satellite solution that works best for them. Our partnership with Thuraya will concentrate on offering broadband and voice products and services to the US customers operating within Thuraya coverage as well to International customers through our UK-based affiliates - Wireless Innovation, Rock7 and YB Tracking."

Thuraya's IoT and M2M services are available in the US through its FT2225 terminal, which works on both Thuraya and Viasat networks. It is the only satellite company to have more than 400 roaming agreements with mobile network operators (MNOs) including AT&T and T-Mobile in 178 countries.



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About Thuraya Telecommunications Company

Thuraya, is the mobile satellite services subsidiary of the Al Yah Satellite Communications Company (Yahsat), a leading global satellite operator based in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), fully owned by Mubadala Investment Company. Established in 1997, Thuraya offers innovative communications solutions to a variety of sectors including maritime, energy, government, broadcast media, military, aerospace and humanitarian NGO.

Thuraya's superior network enables clear communications and uninterrupted coverage across two-thirds of the globe by MSS, global VSAT coverage and around the world through its unique GSM roaming capabilities. The company's diverse range of technologically advanced and dependable mobile satellite handsets and broadband devices provide ease of use, value, quality and efficiency. Through relevant partnerships, Thuraya stays ahead by delivering solutions and supporting applications that meet the rapidly transforming nature of market demands. Thuraya remains committed to keeping everyone within reach in any circumstance by making accessible the essential tools required for vital connectivity.

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About Ground Control Systems, Inc.

Ground Control Systems, Inc. is a single-source satellite communications service provider and satellite device manufacturer offering a wide line of high-speed fixed, mobile, portable, maritime, and M2M/SCADA solutions for thousands of professionals & organizations throughout the world for professional U.S. and international organizations.

Ground Control is specialized in satellite Internet communication for the lone professional, to global institutions that requires 100's of access sites throughout the world. Ground Control is part of the Wireless Innovation Group out of the UK.

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