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## **Hughes Announces Executive Appointment**

*New Vice President of International Sales & Marketing will be responsible for sales of Hughes market leading family of broadband satellite systems*

**Germantown, Md., March 30, 2010**—Hughes Network Systems, LLC (HUGHES), the global leader in broadband satellite networks and services, today announced the appointment of Robert O. Feierbach as vice president of sales and marketing, International Division. In this capacity, Feierbach will be responsible for sales of Hughes’ market-leading broadband satellite products and systems, reporting directly to Bahram Pourmand, executive vice president, International.

“I am very enthusiastic about joining Hughes and look forward to contributing internationally to its growing success,” said Feierbach. “Hughes has such a great reputation for innovative products and services, and I am proud to be part of the team as it continues to deliver advanced, future-proof broadband satellite systems.”

Feierbach, a multi-lingual executive, has more than twenty-five years of international experience in the satellite television, media, and broadband services industries. His most recent position was with the Eutelsat Group in Paris, as head of Eutelsat’s high-throughput Ka-band satellite project and its “Tooway” consumer broadband service. Previously, Feierbach was managing director of EMEA and Americas for ViaSat, Inc. and before that was executive director and board member of Skylogic S.p.A. in Turin, Italy. Other positions have included business director of the Broadband Interactive Group at SES-Astra in Luxembourg and vice president, Corporate and Direct-to-Home Services at SATLYNX.

Feierbach has been a member of several boards of directors and advisory councils. He holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the Garvin Graduate School of International Management in Arizona and a Bachelor of Computer Science degree from the University of Utah.

Pourmand stated, “We are very pleased to welcome Robert Feierbach to the Hughes management team. His extensive experience in the broadband satellite industry and international business success will be of great value to Hughes.”

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**About Hughes Network Systems**

Hughes Network Systems, LLC (HUGHES) is the global leader in providing broadband satellite networks and services for large enterprises, governments, small businesses, and consumers. HughesNet<sup>®</sup> encompasses all broadband solutions and managed services from Hughes, bridging the best of satellite and terrestrial technologies. Its broadband satellite products are based on global standards approved by the TIA, ETSI and ITU standards organizations, including IPoS/DVB-S2, RSM-A and GMR-1. To date, Hughes has shipped more than 2.2 million systems to customers in over 100 countries.

Headquartered outside Washington, D.C., in Germantown, Maryland, USA, Hughes maintains sales and support offices worldwide. Hughes is a wholly owned subsidiary of Hughes Communications, Inc. (NASDAQ: HUGH). For additional information, please visit [www.hughes.com](http://www.hughes.com).

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