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Pioneering an Industry: Hughes Recognized by Frost & Sullivan for Satellite Broadband Leadership in North America

Innovation, service, and response to market needs keep Hughes at the forefront of consumer satellite broadband industry

Germantown, Md., September 1, 2009—Hughes Network Systems, LLC (HUGHES), the global leader in broadband satellite networks and services, today announced that it has been presented with the 2009 North American Frost & Sullivan Award for Market Leadership. The award was given in recognition of the company's continuing leadership in the consumer satellite broadband industry, highlighted by its market-winning HughesNet[®] high-speed Internet service plans and value-added applications.

“Hughes has clearly proven the profitability of the consumer satellite broadband business, thereby significantly expanding the VSAT industry's addressable market beyond enterprise networking which it pioneered in the 1980's,” said Gina Villanueva, research analyst with Frost & Sullivan. “With its wide range of HughesNet service plans and extensive customer care, Hughes is well positioned to at least maintain or increase its dominant position in the broadband satellite market.”

The HughesNet consumer service continues to achieve impressive growth with record achievements in the second quarter of 2009. Subscriber gross additions were approximately 50,000, an increase of 35% over the second quarter of 2008 and net additions were 18,000 for a growth of 103% over the same period in 2008. Additionally, service revenue increased by 18% over the second quarter of 2008. The total number of subscribers is now over 470,000.

“We are proud to receive the 2009 North American Frost & Sullivan Award for Market Leadership for our HughesNet high-speed Internet access service,” said Mike Cook, senior vice president, Hughes. “From online banking and shopping to social media applications, the demand for broadband is growing unabated and we look forward to continuing to lead the way in meeting the needs of our subscribers.”

HughesNet high-speed Internet access is a two-way, always-on, broadband service, with the highest speed consumer satellite plans available—from 1.0 Mbps to 5.0 Mbps download, and from 128 Kbps to 300 Kbps upload. Subscribers can access and control their accounts with “Login to My Account” right from their home computers. They can view billing invoices, change address and email information, and easily upgrade their systems.

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For more information about HughesNet services and plans, please visit www.hughesnet.com or call 1-866-859-2268.

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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 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 1.9 million systems to customers in over 100 countries.

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