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## **Hughes Europe Hosts WiFi Zone at COMSYS VSAT 2009**

*Keynote speech explores customer demand for increased performance and flexibility of broadband satellite platforms*

**Milton Keynes, UK, 10 September 2009**— In his keynote speech at this year's COMSYS VSAT conference, Mike Cook, senior vice president of Hughes Network Systems, LLC (Hughes) will address the increasing sophistication of broadband satellite platforms and networking topologies required to deliver the burgeoning range and performance of broadband services demanded by customers. He will outline current and future developments in the U.S. that provide unparalleled levels of speed and flexibility, enabling new applications and opening new market opportunities.

Hughes executives will be available in and around the Hughes Europe-sponsored WiFi Zone, where free Internet access will give visitors to COMSYS VSAT 2009 the opportunity to take time out from the event to access their email and connect to the Web. COMSYS VSAT 2009 is being held 15 – 18 September at the Waldorf Hilton Hotel in London, England.

“Our latest research, conducted during 2009, shows that Hughes commands 40 percent of the Western European VSAT services market—around four times higher than its nearest rival,” said Simon Bull, senior consultant at COMSYS. “In 2008, the company's execution of the largest broadband satellite network ever seen in Europe, the Camelot lottery —indeed, one of the largest single deployments in the world—was a textbook study. This success and others in Europe illustrate the value of the satellite solution, and the expertise of Hughes to deliver it.”

Christopher Britton, managing director of Hughes Europe, commented, “Hughes continues to invest heavily in future satellite broadband technology and visitors to COMSYS VSAT 2009 are invited to talk to us about how our latest-generation, high-performance satellite platforms are ideally suited for both large and small corporate networks. Our services and technology offer a way for organisations to increase efficiency and reduce costs, without compromising the capabilities and services offered.”

### **About Hughes Network Systems Europe (Hughes Europe)**

Hughes Europe is the operating and sales organisation for the European market for Hughes Network Systems, with facilities in Germany, the UK, and Italy. Utilising its satellite hub earth station and network operations centre in Griesheim, Germany, Hughes Europe provides

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