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Hughes to Connect Approximately 3,000 ATMs of State Bank of India

Will deploy satellite broadband network for its ATM network

New Delhi, India, September 14, 2009—Hughes Communications India, Ltd., a leading provider of broadband satellite and managed network services, announced that it has been awarded a contract to deploy a network of 2,880 broadband satellite terminals for the State Bank of India to connect its off-site ATMs across the country. Valued at Rupees twenty two crores and fifty lakhs (Rs. 22.5 Crores) spread over five years, the contract includes deployment of a turnkey network which encompasses system integration, satellite bandwidth, and network management.

As a managed network service provider, Hughes will offer secure satellite-based connectivity to the State Bank of India with backhaul to the bank's data centre and disaster recovery locations. This project is a part of the State Bank of India's ambitious project, "25,000 ATM," in which the bank envisages to double its ATM base from 12,250 ATMs to 25,000 ATMs by March 2010. In addition to this, approximately 2,000 ATMs are to be installed by its associate banks; this rollout also forms part of the scope for Hughes in this project. Being selected for the SBI project, all associate banks of SBI can now place orders directly with Hughes to connect their ATMs as well. Under this contract, Hughes will provide connectivity to kiosk machines that will be co-located with the ATMs to provide customers their SBI account details and book railway tickets. The functionality and number of these ATMs may be enhanced in the future.

Speaking about the deal, Mr. Shivaji Chatterjee, vice president, Enterprise Group at Hughes Communications India, said, "We are pleased to strengthen our longstanding relationship with the State Bank of India from providing connectivity for their CBS branches/kiosks to now extending their ATM network across the country. Satellite broadband has been the backbone of connectivity for the Indian banking industry and Hughes is proud to have connected more than 6,500 CBS branches and approximately 4,500 ATMs/kiosks for various banks in the country using this technology. After completion of this project, the number of banking sites that Hughes has connected will be close to 15,000."

In a recent discussion paper by Reserve Bank of India, "*Satellite Connectivity to Facilitate Penetration of Banking Services; the Need for Financial Incentives to Banks,*" use of satellite communication technology is highly recommended to facilitate penetration of payment services to rural areas which have been denied these basic services due to unavailability of reliable communication links.

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