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Hughes Technology Chosen for Broadband Satellite Services in Colombia

*Bantel Telecom, Operating Hughes HN System Awarded Contract
by Union Temporal Conectando a Colombia for Compartel Project*

Germantown, Md., USA, September 15, 2009—Hughes Network Systems, LLC (HUGHES), the global leader in broadband satellite network solutions and services, today announced that Bantel Telecom, LLC, a premier provider of satellite communications in the Caribbean, Central America, and Andean Region, was awarded a contract by Union Temporal Conectando a Colombia to provide Ku-band satellite services utilizing its Hughes HN System. The contract is part of the Compartel project, which is an initiative of the Colombian government to promote telecommunications in remote communities of the country with limited economic resources.

“We are very pleased by this award from Union Temporal Conectando a Colombia to provide Internet access as part of the Compartel Program in Colombia,” said Ricardo Otaola, president of Bantel. “For Bantel, this contract is key and reflects our solid growth in the region. We believe that our proven experience of more than 18 years, combined with powerful satellite coverage and the versatility of the Hughes HN7000S broadband satellite terminal, offers the best service quality in the region. We are committed to the provision of highly reliable services and strongly believe that Hughes technology with the bandwidth efficiencies provided by features such as IPoS/DVB-S2 with the ACM feature, as well as the robustness of the remote terminals and its maintenance free functionality, match our service expectations as well as those of our customers.”

“We are very proud to be part of this important project for Colombia with Bantel,” said Nick Marzella, vice president, International Division, Hughes. “Bantel’s selection of our HN platform to provide the service to Union Temporal Conectando a Colombia is confirmation of the many advantages of Hughes technology- providing highly efficient bandwidth utilization that enables operators like Bantel to maximize satellite capacity and contain costs as they grow their businesses.”

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About Bantel Telecom

Bantel Telecom, LLC (Bantel) is the first satellite telecommunication company in Florida with a presence in Venezuela, Colombia, the Caribbean, and Central America. Bantel offers a wide variety of products and telecommunication services designed to serve industries such as Banking, Energy, Government, Education, Telematics, Retail, Military, and others. With a cutting edge technological background and proven experience beyond 18 years in all the fields mentioned, Bantel focuses on providing efficiencies and applying added value to each and every one of its customers.

For additional information, please visit www.banteltelecom.com.

About Union Temporal Conectando a Colombia

Union Temporal Conectando a Colombia (UTCAC) is formed by a group of Colombian companies based out of the city of Medellin dedicated to the integration of high-end technological solutions over IP. UTCAC was awarded in 2008 by the Colombian Ministry of Telecommunications, through its Compartel Program, a contract to serve 872 remote institutions with broadband access throughout the regions of Antioquia, La Guajira and Tolima in the central part of Colombia.

For additional information, please visit www.cac.net.co.

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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