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Hughes CEO Kaul, Vice President Lober to Speak at SATCON 2009

Company Executives to Address the State of the Satellite Industry, Military Use of Satellite Technologies to Maximize Bandwidth Efficiencies

Germantown, Maryland, October 13, 2009—Hughes Network Systems, LLC (HUGHES), the global leader in broadband satellite network solutions and services, today announced that Pradman Kaul, chairman and CEO of Hughes, and Rick Lober, vice president and general manager of Hughes Defense and Intelligence Systems Division, will speak at the 2009 SATCON Conference & Expo. Mr. Kaul and Mr. Lober will share Hughes' perspective on the state of the satellite industry, as well as the application of commercial satellite solutions to solve government communications challenges.

WHAT: SATCON Conference & Expo

WHEN: Thursday, October 15, 2009

WHERE: Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, New York, New York

Keynote Presentation – The State of the Satellite Industry: View from the Top

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.: Pradman Kaul will participate in SATCON's keynote executive roundtable on the status of the satellite industry. He will join industry leaders in an unscripted dialogue about the satellite industry's resiliency in the face of the global economic downturn, and the role of satellite communications in support of civilian and military missions. The panelists will also address upcoming trends, as well as opportunities and challenges facing the satellite industry.

Satellite Technologies that Drive Bandwidth Efficiencies and Meet Near Term Needs

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.: Rick Lober will serve with military and industry leaders on a panel discussing how satellite technologies drive bandwidth efficiencies. He will discuss the opportunities presented by tested commercial satellite solutions, and how those solutions can be applied for use by the military in the near-term and into the future to solve Communications-On-The-Move and other tactical communications challenges.

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Members of the media interested in scheduling a briefing with a Hughes executive are invited to contact Judy Blake at (301) 601-7330 or by email judy.blake@hughes.com.

SATCON is the fall's premiere conference and exhibition for satellite communications. For more information, please visit <http://www.satconexpo.com>.

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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