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Hughes Introduces Broadband Satellite Router Ideal for Both Commercial and Government/Military Applications

HX280 Solution Provides Enhanced Security and On-The-Move Features for Combined Mesh/Star Broadband Satellite IP Networks

Germantown, Md., August 17, 2009—Hughes Network Systems, LLC (HUGHES), the global leader in broadband satellite networks and services, today announced the launch of its latest generation HX broadband satellite router, the HX280. The HX280 is a commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS), high-performance satellite router that provides carrier-grade Internet Protocol (IP) services with enhanced security and on-the-move (OTM) capabilities.

Ideal for both commercial and government/military applications, the HX280 has integrated Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 140-2 cryptographic security and additionally supports the newly released HX System Enhanced Signaling Security feature, which protects all data, management, and signaling traffic over the satellite network. OTM capability is built-in enabling, for example, military operations to maintain secure communications in joint fixed and mobile environments. Configurable in any combination of star and mesh networking topologies, including simultaneous operation, the HX280 is ideal for low-jitter voice, video, and data broadband IP connections for government and military networks.

“The HX family of broadband routers is extremely successful because of its high level of performance, functionality, and bandwidth efficiency,” said Rick Lober, vice president and general manager of the Defense and Intelligence Systems Division at Hughes. “In designing the HX280, our goal was to build on the HX platform with enhanced security features required by the U.S. government and Department of Defense, and some of our more demanding commercial customers. The HX280 combines high-end secure voice and data services with on-the-move capabilities, and ensures protection of critical security parameters. It has also been designed to operate with our simplified Network Management System available later this year.”

The HX280 supports connection to IP-based networks for commercial, government, and military applications, including U.S. Armed Services, joint operations, and Coalition partners. The HX280 will be featured for the first time August 18-20, 2009, in Hughes booth #1237, during the LandWarNet conference in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

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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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