



Media Release

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Reachnet agrees to the transfer of BroadbandNet Satellite Customers

Orion Satellite Systems Pty Ltd (Orion) has agreed to a request from BroadbandNet Pty Ltd (under Administration) (BroadbandNet) to accept the transfer of its satellite customers, effective from the 28th November 2008.

Over the next two months, these transferred satellite customers will be transitioned from their current service to a comparable service under Orion's consumer brand, **Reachnet**. The transition will include the provision of a new state of the art Hughes Network Systems modem and a service call to each customer.

Managing Director of Orion, Mr Andrew Johnson said that an estimated 500 active satellite customers will transition to Reachnet, who will find the new plans and technology superior to their current service.

"Orion has worked closely with the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, and will be reviewing each of the customer sites to identify the best migration solution. Where no alternative solutions exist, eligible customers will have access to the upgraded service and performance guarantees offered by the Australian Broadband Guarantee (ABG) program. With the support of the program, we are aiming to avoid any costs to the customer as a consequence of the transfer, ensuring the investment in existing infrastructure is preserved.

Customers not eligible for the program will be offered alternative migration options, comparable with their location and specific situation.

A significant portion of the satellite customers are located in Western Australia and we are pleased to announce they will continue to be managed from Western Australia by a local Western Australian company Andrew Johnson said.

Orion is a provider of comprehensive communications solutions, focusing primarily on developing innovative approaches to communications challenges that cannot be met by terrestrial solutions. With offices located on the East and West Coasts, it has extensive national and international coverage providing services across the region, with installations across Australia, PNG, the Solomon Islands and New Zealand.

Reachnet operates from Orion's head office location on St Georges Terrace, Perth, Western Australia. Reachnet is a registered provider under the Australian Government's Australian Broadband Guarantee program. The Reachnet products are based on the highly successful satellite technology developed by Hughes Network Systems and operated by Orion.

Further information on Reachnet and Orion can be found at the following websites: www.reachnet.com.au and www.orionsat.com.au

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