

Press Release

Thuraya named Satellite Operator of the Year in Telecom Review Awards

Thuraya wins for innovation, extension into new markets, and next generation plans

Dubai, United Arab Emirates, December 14, 2016: Thuraya Telecommunications Company has won Telecom Review's Satellite Operator of the Year Award at the seventh annual It's All About Smart Networking Summit in Dubai.

The award recognizes a successful year of innovation, extension into new markets, and the declaration of unique and progressive next generation capability plans. With FUTURA, and its clear roadmap for growth, Thuraya is set to become the provider of choice for unified connectivity. Extending its groundbreaking product portfolio with the launch of XT-PRO DUAL, Thuraya created the world's first dual mode, dual SIM phone. It also introduced IP Commander, the world's most rugged vehicular terminal; and the FT2225 M2M terminal, which extended reach into North America, operating over ViaSat's L-band MSS network and Thuraya's coverage area.

New agreements and partnerships opened exciting new markets in the Maldives, Vietnam, and the Black Sea. Thuraya also adopted a notably revolutionary approach to the wearables market, with the WiCis-Sports app running on a Thuraya SatSleeve+ on expeditions to Nepal and K2.

Thuraya is also shortening its development cycle, generating better opportunities and creating products that get to market more quickly. Thuraya's partners enjoy easy access to hardware and software development platforms along with the documentation and support they need to develop innovative and state-of-the-art products and solutions.

Toni Eid, Chief Executive Officer of Trace Media International, said: "Thuraya has been recognized for its innovative approach to every aspect of its business. Its products are groundbreaking and market leading. Its ambitions are clear, and Thuraya is well placed to embrace the new opportunities it is creating for itself with the finalization of its next generation capability plans."

Samer Halawi, Chief Executive Officer of Thuraya said: "We are delighted to have won this prestigious award, because it recognizes that Thuraya offers a compelling alternative. Our approach is to innovate, disrupt and redefine, and we will always be sure to respond to changing market demands by offering something different from what is already available. The fact that also the application of our technology undoubtedly saves and improves lives is both a humbling privilege and a tremendous responsibility."

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About Thuraya Telecommunications Company

Thuraya Telecommunications Company is an industry leading MSS operator and a global telecommunication provider offering innovative communications solutions to a variety of sectors including energy, broadcast media, maritime, military and humanitarian NGOs. The company's diverse range of technologically superior and highly reliable mobile satellite handsets and broadband devices provide ease of use, value, quality and efficiency. Thuraya remains committed to serving humanity through delivering the essential tools for optimal connectivity, never leaving anyone out of reach. Visit www.thuraya.com

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