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Hughes to deploy satellite network to connect SBI ATMs, Sep 14 '09

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IT services provider, Hughes Communications, has bagged a contract from State Bank of India to deploy its satellite network to connect the bank's ATMs. Under the agreement, Hughes will deploy a network of 2880 VSATs for State Bank of India to connect its off-site ATMs across the country, a press release issued here said.

The contract, which is valued at Rs 22.5-crore, includes system integration, satellite bandwidth and network management. The VSAT connectivity will have a back-haul to the banks Data Centre and Disaster Recovery (DR) locations, it said.

Around 2000 ATMs to be installed by SBI's associate banks will also be included in the contract, the company said.

So far, Hughes has connected over 6500 core banking service branches and around 4500 ATMs in the country using its technology.