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Hughes bags Rupees 22.5 crore contract from SBI for connecting 2,880 ATMs, Sep 14 '09

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Managed network service provider Hughes Communications today said it has bagged a five-year contract worth Rupees 22.5 crore from State Bank of India (SBI) to deploy a network of 2,880 VSATs for connecting the state-run lender's off-site ATMs across the country.

The project is part of SBI's plan to double its ATM base from 12,250 to 25,000 by this fiscal-end. "The contract includes deployment of a turnkey network which encompasses system integration, satellite bandwidth and network management," the company said in a statement.

The company will offer secure VSAT-based connectivity to State Bank of India with backhaul to the Bank's data centre and Disaster Recovery (DR) locations.

"It will also provide connectivity to kiosk machines that will be co-located with the ATMs to provide customers the option to know their SBI account details and book railway tickets through the kiosk machines," the statement added.