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Hughes Communications India Named Best VSAT Operator in India at Telecom Operator Awards

HCIL is honored for 6th year in a row

New Delhi, India, 20 May 2013—Hughes Communications India Limited (HCIL), a subsidiary of Hughes Network Systems, LLC (Hughes), has been awarded “2013 Best VSAT Operator in India” at the Telecom Operator Awards 2013 presentation that was held on March 21, 2013. The prestigious award, which recognizes companies that demonstrate outstanding performance in delivering world-class results in service and support in the telecom sector, was presented to Partho Banerjee, president and managing director of HCIL by Alok Brara, publisher of *Tele.net*.

Commenting on this achievement, Banerjee said, “We endeavor to provide the most reliable and beneficial satellite service offerings to our customers and are dedicated to continually improving the customer’s experience. Receiving this award is a testament to our commitment and efforts. We thank the organizers and our customers for recognizing HCIL as the best VSAT operator in India.”

The award winners were selected by *Tele.net* on the basis of an extensive survey conducted among a carefully selected group of professionals and sector experts. This enabled the selection process to be fair, transparent, and conclusive, especially since every nominee has played a significant role in the country’s telecom growth story. Hughes Communications India emerged the winner by a wide margin.

About *Tele.net* Magazine

Tele.net is a monthly magazine targeted to telecom service providers and large enterprise customers. It covers all segments of the sector—fixed, wireless, broadband, long distance, and satellite-based services. The magazine is part of India Infrastructure Private Publishing, a company dedicated to providing information on the infrastructure sectors in India through magazines, conferences, newsletters, and research reports. The company also publishes two other magazines, Power Line and Indian Infrastructure.

About Hughes Communications India

HCIL is a majority owned subsidiary of Hughes Network Systems, LLC (Hughes), the world’s largest provider of broadband satellite networks and services. HCIL is the largest satellite

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service operator in India providing a comprehensive range of broadband networking technologies, solutions, and services for businesses and governments, including Managed Services to meet every communications challenge. More information is available at www.hughes.in.

About Hughes Network Systems

Hughes Network Systems, LLC (Hughes) is the world's leading provider of satellite broadband for home and office, delivering innovative network technologies, managed services, and solutions for enterprises and governments globally. HughesNet[®] is the #1 high-speed satellite Internet service in the marketplace, with offerings to suit every budget. To date, Hughes has shipped more than 3.3 million systems to customers in over 100 countries, representing over 50 percent market share. Its products employ global standards approved by the TIA, ETSI and ITU organizations, including IPoS/DVB-S2, RSM-A, and GMR-1.

Headquartered outside Washington, D.C., in Germantown, Maryland, USA, Hughes operates sales and support offices worldwide, and is a wholly owned subsidiary of EchoStar Corporation (NASDAQ: SATS), a premier global provider of satellite operations and digital TV solutions. For additional information about Hughes, please visit www.hughes.com.

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