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Hughes Communications India Wins Major Order to Connect Police Stations in Jarkhand

*Partners with NIIT Technologies to deliver satellite connectivity
under mission-mode Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System project*

New Delhi, India, 17 September 2012—Hughes Communications India, Ltd. (HCIL), a subsidiary of Hughes Network Systems, LLC (Hughes), today announced that it has been chosen by NIIT Technologies to connect police stations across the state of Jharkhand under the prestigious Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System (CCTNS) project, a mission-mode project part of India's National e-Governance Plan (NeGP), one of India's largest e-governance initiatives.

The equipment order value is Rs 16.7 million with a 4 Mbps recurring bandwidth requirement.

The project will link the State and National Crime Records Bureaus, creating a central records database that can be accessed in real-time from any police station across the country, greatly enhancing police efficiency in the detection and prevention of crimes. HCIL will provision the network with the assistance of a service provider (engaged centrally by MHA/NCRB), providing multicast and unicast satellite IP connectivity to 400 locations across the state using high performance and robust Hughes broadband satellite terminals.

Vice President and Business Head of the Enterprise Division at HCIL, Shivaji Chatterjee said, "We feel extremely privileged that NIIT Technologies has chosen HCIL for the CCTNS project, which is of crucial importance to homeland security. We look forward to jointly leverage our expertise and best practices to deliver a solution that provides for the most effective and efficient policing."

The contract underlines HCIL's capability and leadership in providing secure and high availability connectivity through its award-winning satellite networking technology and services.

About CCTNS

Developed by India's Ministry of Home Affairs, the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System (CCTNS) goal is to create a nationwide networked infrastructure for the deployment of an IT-enabled and state-of-the-art criminal tracking system. The CCTNS will span all 35 States and Union Territories and electronically link over 14,000 police stations and 6,000 higher police

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offices across the country. The project includes vertical connectivity of police units (linking police units at various levels within the State and between States and Union Territories), as well as horizontal connectivity (linking police functions at State and Central levels to external entities). CCTNS will also present a citizen interface to provide basic services to citizens.

About Hughes Communications India, Ltd.

HCIL is a majority owned subsidiary of Hughes Network Systems, LLC, (Hughes), the world's leading provider of broadband satellite networks and services. HCIL is the largest satellite 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 at www.hughes.in.

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