



Stratos to Distribute New ViaSat Ruggedized BGAN Terminals

--Terminals offer high functionality for military and first-responder applications--

Bethesda, Maryland (March 19, 2009) – Stratos Global Corporation, the leading global provider of advanced mobile and fixed-site remote communications solutions, today announced it has signed an agreement to become a global distributor of two new ViaSat ruggedized BGAN terminals. Stratos will distribute the terminals via its direct sales force and its global network of channel partners.

The ViaSat terminals are the latest additions to Stratos' versatile portfolio of BGAN hardware products, which already includes offerings from Addvalue, Hughes Network Systems and Thrane & Thrane.

BGAN from Stratos is a mobile satellite offering that uses portable, lightweight terminals to provide simultaneous, high-speed data (up to 492 kbps) and voice connectivity anywhere in the world. BGAN is ideally suited to enable communications in areas where terrestrial or cellular networks are damaged, congested, non-existent or too difficult to deploy. Stratos now boasts more than 10,000 BGAN activations for military & NGO agencies, media organizations, first responders and professionals in many other industries in 185 countries worldwide.

The ViaSat ruggedized VRT-100, which is small enough to transport in a rucksack, provides voice and high-bandwidth IP connections beyond line-of-sight, even in harsh weather conditions. The terminal also affords 12 hours of transmit time and 24 hours on standby, using standard batteries designed for military radios. The unit's antenna can be placed up to several hundred feet from the unit itself. The ViaSat AN/PSC-14 terminal offers the same features as the VRT-100, in addition to embedded Type 1, HAIPE IS encryption allowing U.S. and multinational secure access.

"This agreement expands our portfolio of BGAN terminals, enabling us to meet diverse customer requirements with a broad selection of ruggedized or encrypted hardware," said Stratos President and CEO Jim Parm. "These new ViaSat terminals are ideally suited for military forces, first responders, media organizations, energy and mining companies operating in harsh environments."

Doug Poorman, ViaSat portable satcom programs manager, said, "With its depth of experience delivering BGAN mobile satellite systems, Stratos is highly qualified to deliver the benefits of our new terminals to customers worldwide. Partnering with Stratos enables us to continue our tradition of providing reliable communications for the world's most demanding applications."

About The Stratos Advantage

Stratos customers fully utilize The Stratos Advantage, a suite of value-added services that help elevate BGAN from Stratos far above baseline offerings. These value-added services, including Stratos Dashboard, provide users with cost control, firewall management, full traffic information, pre-paid facilities, high security options, easy VPN access, messaging services and full IP range.



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About ViaSat

ViaSat (www.viasat.com) produces innovative satellite and other digital communication products that enable fast, secure and efficient communications to any location. The Company provides networking products and managed network services for enterprise IP applications. ViaSat is a key supplier of network-centric military communications and encryption technologies to the U.S. government. The Company is also the primary technology partner for gateway and customer-premises equipment for consumer and mobile satellite broadband services. ViaSat has locations in Carlsbad, Calif. and Duluth, Ga., along with its Comsat Laboratories division in Germantown, Md. Additional field offices are located in Boston, Baltimore, Washington DC, Australia, China, India, Italy and Spain.

About Stratos

Stratos is the world's trusted leader for vital communications. Stratos offers the most powerful and extensive portfolio of remote communications solutions including mobile and fixed satellite and microwave services. More than 20,000 customers use Stratos products and industry-leading value-added services to optimize communications performance. Stratos serves U.S. and international government, military, first responder, NGO, oil and gas, industrial, maritime, aeronautical, enterprise, and media users on seven continents and across the world's oceans. For more information visit www.stratosglobal.com.

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