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IPSTAR First Broadband Satellite to Provide Backhaul for WiMAX Services in Japan

Nonthaburi, 14 January 2013. THAICOM Public Company Limited today announced that its IPSTAR satellite had set another world first when it became the first broadband satellite to provide commercial WiMAX backhaul services in Japan.

After several months of systems testing, Japan's UQ Communications has installed WiMAX Base Stations using backhaul via the IPSTAR broadband satellite and is offering a commercial WiMAX service in several areas of Japan as one cost-effective method of extending coverage to underserved areas.

"We have always maintained that IPSTAR is an ideal complement to many different communications systems, and WiMAX backhaul using IPSTAR in Japan underscores the viability and great potential for IPSTAR in the countries that we cover," Suphajee Suthumpun, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Executive Committee stated. "IPSTAR allows for the rapid extension of communication networks and services to under-served and un-served areas at a very competitive rate when compared to terrestrial network installations."

Akio Nozaka, President of UQ Communications Inc., stated that "UQ has devised an effective WiMAX communications system utilizing a broadband satellite. This system, which utilizes IPSTAR, is also a very effective tool in disaster prevention and the rapid re-establishment of communications services in the event of natural disasters such as earthquakes."

"To offer this WiMAX service, UQ worked with Hitachi to develop a new Access Service Network Gateway (ASN-GW), which has specifications built in especially for use with IPSTAR, and will allow us to further develop our service solution for customers," Nozaka continued.

About THAICOM:

Thaicom was established in 1991 and received a 30-year concession to operate Thailand's satellites. The Company has launched five satellites since its inception, with two satellites remaining active. Thaicom 5 is a conventional satellite carrying more than 470 TV channels, while IPSTAR (THAICOM-4) was the world's first broadband satellite. IPSTAR provides services to 14 countries throughout Asia-Pacific. The Company will launch THAICOM-6 in 2013 to provide additional capacity over SE Asia and to serve the African market, while THAICOM-7 will be launched in 2014.

About UQ Communications:

UQ Communications was established in 2007 to provide WiMAX services in Japan. To date, the Company has deployed a total of 21,300 base stations and has 3.9 million subscribers throughout Japan.

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