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THAICOM 6 Launch in Celebration of the New Year

Nonthaburi, 25 December, 2013. **THAICOM Public Company Limited** announce today the launch of THAICOM 6 satellite in the first week of 2014 aiming to support the growth of the country's broadcasting industry.

THAICOM 6 is Star 2.3 model built by Orbital Sciences Corporation, U.S.A. It contained 26 transponders including 18 C-band transponders and 8 Ku-band transponders. The THAICOM 6 will be launched into the orbital slot of the 78.5 Degrees East by the Space Exploration Technologies Corporation/SPACEX' FALCON 9 rocket.

THAICOM 6 will serve broadcast industry with higher quality of the digital TV and more high definition channels. At present, the Company has acquired total of 66% booking on THAICOM 6's capacity. THAICOM 6 will also strengthen THAICOM's hotbird platform on 78.5 Degrees East.

###**About Thaicom Public Company Limited**

Thaicom Public Company Limited, a leading satellite communications provider in Asia Pacific, was granted a 30-year Domestic Communication Satellite Operating Agreement by the Ministry of Transport and Communications (currently transferred to the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology (MICT)). The company was the first in the region to offer Ku-band and Digital Direct-to-Home broadcasting services, and was the world's first operator to employ MPEG-2 DVB compression since 1994. THAICOM also developed and launched the world's first Internet Protocol (IP) satellite, IPSTAR. At present, IPSTAR offers broadband and mobile backhaul services to operators and service providers in 13 countries across Asia Pacific. For more information visit www.thaicom.net and www.ipstar.com.

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