

THAICOM Launches Fast Internet Connectivity Service, Powered by Gilat Satellite Equipment

THAICOM-4 (IPSTAR) HTS provides high-performance broadband connectivity to Asia-Pacific with Gilat's SkyEdge II-c VSAT Platform

Nonthaburi, February 26, 2014 -- THAICOM Public Company Limited (SET BKK: THCOM), Asia's leading satellite operator and Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd. (Nasdaq:GILT), a worldwide leader in satellite networking technology, solutions and services, announced today the launch of the IPSTAR service to enhance broadband connectivity across the Asia-Pacific region.

This service launch represents the next stage of the cooperation agreement signed several months ago to provide customers across the Asia-Pacific region with an integrated solution comprising Gilat's SkyEdge II-c VSAT satellite ground equipment and Thaicom4's (IPSTAR) high throughput satellite (HTS).

"In only a very short time, we've been able to implement this new service, which will provide our customers with faster satellite Internet connectivity than they've ever experienced before," said **Mr. Patompob Suwansiri, Chief Marketing Officer of THAICOM**. "We are very proud to have brought Thailand's to the international market where both the quality of service and technology excellence are well accepted. We will continue this drive of promoting Thai excellence in the satellite throughout the region and look forward to replicating the success we've achieved collaborating with Gilat in previous ventures, such as the National Broadband Network (NBN) project in Australia."

The cooperation between the two companies reflects THAICOM's ongoing Open Access Platform (OAP) strategy to provide technology equipment vendor's access to Thaicom 4's HTS, enabling them to fulfill customer requirements for wider variety and increased flexibility.

"We are pleased with the ongoing cooperation with THAICOM," said Erez Antebi, CEO of Gilat Satellite Networks. "Gilat views this partnership as a key factor for growing its Asia-Pacific business. The cooperative endeavor, combining Gilat's SkyEdge II-c platform with IPSTAR capacity, will provide our customers with an enriched broadband satellite service experience."

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About Thaicom

Thaicom Public Company Limited, a leading Asian satellite operator, was established in 1991 with unique proposition in providing integrated solutions for satellite broadcast and broadband. The Company houses high profiled engineering teams to provide leading-edge innovative solutions on telecommunication and satellite that answer every need with a full spectrum of services. Until now, Thaicom has launched six satellites into the orbit; three satellites are in operations. Thaicom-5 is a "Hot bird" broadcasting satellite for Thailand and SE Asia, boarding more than 500 TV channels, coverage over Thailand and SE Asia. Thaicom 4 (IPSTAR) is the world's first broadband satellite and is providing broadband services to 14 countries across Asia-Pacific region. With the unique performance and technology of Thaicom 4, the Company has provided its solutions to many countries in the region to enable the broadband connectivity everywhere, also to recover communication networks at the time of disasters; such as in Japan, China and New Zealand. The Company launches Thaicom 6 in 2014 to provide additional capacity that strengthen Thaicom's "Hot bird" position, and will also serve the African market by the name "Aficom-1". And further in 2014, Thaicom 7 will be launched to expand Thaicom's servicing capacity and footprint in the regions.

Thaicom PLC is listed on the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) under the trade symbol "THCOM".

What is Thaicom 6?

Thaicom 6, a conventional satellite which will be co-located with THAICOM-5 at 78.5 degrees East ("Hot Bird" position), and carry Ku- and C-band payload. The Ku-band payload will be comprised of 9 transponders (TPE) providing services to the Southeast Asia (mainland). The C-band payload will feature 24 C-band transponders (TPE) providing services via the satellite's regional beam to Southeast Asia and Africa. Thaicom 6 will expand the company's business by providing telecommunication and broadcast services to more customers in those areas and maintaining THAICOM's "Hot Bird" position in the region.

About Gilat

Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd (Nasdaq:GILT) (TASE:GILT) is a leading provider of products and services for satellite-based broadband communications. Gilat develops and markets a wide range of high-performance satellite ground segment equipment and VSATs, with an increasing focus on the consumer and Ka-band market. In addition, Gilat enables mobile SOTM (Satellite-on-the-Move) solutions providing low-profile antennas, next generation solid-state power amplifiers and modems. Gilat also provides managed network and satellite-based services for rural telephony and Internet access via its subsidiaries in Peru and Colombia.

With over 25 years of experience, and over a million products shipped to more than 85 countries, Gilat has provided enterprises, service providers and operators with efficient and reliable satellite-based connectivity solutions, including cellular backhaul, banking, retail, e-government and rural communication networks. Gilat also enables leading defense, public security and news organizations to implement advanced, on-the-move tactical communications on board their land, air and sea fleets using Gilat's high-performance SOTM solutions. For more information, please visit us at www.gilat.com

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