

NBN Co Appoints IPSTAR as Wholesaler for Australian Internet Service Providers

New Satellite Support Scheme to provide up to an additional 9,000 Australian businesses and households with broadband services

Nonthaburi, 4 August 2014—**Thaicom** today announced that the NBN Co has selected its wholly owned subsidiary, IPSTAR Australia (IPA), for a new initiative to boost the number of broadband connections for Australians who cannot access an existing commercial broadband service. Under the NBN Co Satellite Support (NSS) Scheme, IPA is appointed an official wholesaler and will deliver the scheme together with participating Internet Service Providers (ISPs) in Australia.

Patompob Suwansiri, Chief Marketing Officer, Thaicom, added: "We are honored NBN Co has appointed IPSTAR as the wholesaler for the NBN Co Satellite Support Scheme. Since 2005 we have delivered satellite Internet services via the IPSTAR satellite to Australia's remote communities that otherwise could not have accessed a commercial broadband service. I am proud IPSTAR continues to make a difference in the life of many Australian's and the country's education, farming, and health sectors."

NBN Co Chief Customer Officer, John Simon, said: "Bringing broadband to the most remote communities across Australia is one of NBN Co's highest priorities. It gives residents access to e-health, distance education and Internet banking, while businesses can benefit from increased productivity, reduced costs and access to new markets. With high demand for broadband in regional areas, this initiative is essential to providing a reliable service to families and businesses that cannot access a commercial broadband service today."

According to NBN Co, the NSS Scheme will connect up to 9,000 additional premises in remote and regional mainland Australia and Tasmania, until NBN Co's Long Term Satellite Service (LTSS) will be launched in late 2015. The NSS is exclusively available for users who are unable to access a commercial broadband service.

Premises eligible for the NSS must be within line of sight of the IPSTAR broadband satellite, and have never been subscribed to a service via the Australian Broadband Guarantee (ABG) or the Interim Satellite Service (ISS). The NSS Scheme is designed to deliver wholesale speeds of up to 4 Mbps download and 1 Mbps upload. IPSTAR will provide Internet Service Providers with a minimum download performance equivalent to 2.6 Mbps for 20.4 hours per day.

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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

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orbit; three satellites are in operations. Thaicom 5 and Thaicom 6 are a "Hot Bird" broadcasting satellite for Thailand and SE Asia, boarding more than 600 TV channels, coverage over Thailand, SE Asia and Africa (by the name "Africom-1"). 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.

In 2014, THAICOM 7 will be launched in addition to existing satellite while THAICOM 8 has been under the production process which will finally also be launched to the "Hot Bird", 78.5 degrees EAST around the first half of 2016. The new bird will increase more transponders that serve the countries in Asia and Africa.

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

About THAICOM 7

THAICOM 7 is now under construction by Orbital Sciences Corporation of U.S.A. There are 14 C-Band transponders in total, covering South Asia, Southeast Asia, Australia and New Zealand. THAICOM 7 will be launched into the 120 degrees East around mid-2014 conveyed by Space Exploration Technologies Corporation (SPACE X)'s Falcon 9 of USA. This will create the economic opportunity of Thailand and expand the competency of the company to provide telecommunication services as well as respond to the customer demand within the servicing area.

About THAICOM 8

THAICOM 8 will have a total of 24 Ku-Band transponders, covering Thailand, South Asia and Africa. THAICOM 8 will serve customers' needs for increased Ku-band capacity and also strengthen THAICOM's Hot Bird platform at 78.5 Degrees East. Orbital Sciences Corporation will be the manufacturer of the satellite and Space Exploration Technologies Corporation (SPACE X) will be the launcher of the satellite.

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