

## THAICOM 7 Launch Rescheduled

Nonthaburi, 27 August 2014: Thaicom PLC. stated today that the launch of Thaicom 7, the new satellite of Thaicom fleet, which was set to launch on 27 August 2014, has been rescheduled until further notice to allow more time for SpaceX to verify related data to ensure the safe and successful launch. The satellite and launch vehicle remain in a safe configuration.

**Mr.Paiboon Panuwatthanawong, Chief Technical Officer of Thaicom PLC**, stated that "The most important thing in a satellite launch is to ensure the launch success. SpaceX is now verifying data to make sure that everything is fully ready for Thaicom 7 launch."

THAICOM 7 satellite is a cooperation project between Thaicom and Asia Satellite Telecommunications Co., Ltd, to be located at 120 degree. Thaicom 7 will provide 14 C-band transponders capacity to serve the growing demand for Thailand, South-East Asia, South Asia and Australia.

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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 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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