

## Thaicom posts normalized profit of 645 million baht in Q3

- ***Named in SET "Thailand Sustainability Investment", building investor confidence***
- ***Earns "Excellent" CG Score 3 years running, leading ASEAN CG progress***

**Nonthaburi, November 11, 2015 – Thaicom Public Company Limited (THCOM)**, a leading Asian satellite operator, today announced its operating results for the third quarter of 2015. The company generated a consolidated normalized net profit of 645 million baht, up 126 million baht, or 24.3%, from 519 million baht in Q2 2015 and up 163 million baht, or 33.8%, from 482 million baht in Q3 2014. Accounting for the impact of loss on foreign exchange rates and other transactions, the company reported a consolidated net profit of 265 million baht.

For the first 9 months of 2015, the company posted a consolidated net profit of 1.377 billion baht and a consolidated normalized net profit of 1.652 billion baht, a year-over-year increase of 301 million baht, or 22.3%, from 1.351 billion baht during the first 9 months of 2014.

**Mr. Paiboon Panuwattanawong, Chief Executive Officer of Thaicom PLC, said:** "Global demand for transponder capacity continues to rise rapidly in the broadcast and broadband industries. Recently, Thaicom has succeeded in expanding its satellite transponder services into new markets, such as India, leading to an increase in transponder usage on THAICOM 7."

During the past quarter, Thaicom was selected by the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) for the "Thailand Sustainability Investment 2015" list. This recognition reflects Thaicom's effective management and strong corporate governance, allowing investors to be confident in the quality of Thaicom shares and to expect continued, long-term returns on their investment. Thaicom also received a corporate governance (CG) score of "Excellent" from the Thai Institute of Directors (IOD) for the third year in a row (2013-2015). The IOD further ranked Thaicom among the top 50 publicly listed Thai companies based on the results of the ASEAN CG Scorecard. Placing among the top 50 companies with outstanding scores of 90 or more points demonstrates Thaicom's leadership in raising the CG bar by ASEAN standards.

"Thaicom has laid solid foundations for growth, taking the whole industry into account in terms of both business and governance. Thaicom will continue to focus on managing satellite transponder use to maximize benefits for all parties and provide customers with the highest quality of service possible. We are seeking to build more business partnerships both domestically

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and overseas while following a path of good governance to grow Thaicom sustainably," **Mr. Panuwattanawong** stated.

Thaicom's Internet and media services subsidiary, **CS LoxInfo Public Company Limited (CSL)**, continues to show ICT business growth, particularly from its Internet Data Center (IDC) and ICT Solution & Cloud Computing services. In Lao PDR, **Lao Telecommunications Company Limited (LTC)** continues to show growth in revenue as well as its subscriber base. LTC maintains the top slot in the Laotian mobile phone market, with a 51.02% market share, up from 49.52% and 45.39% at the ends of Q2 2015 and Q3 2014, respectively. This marks the first quarter that LTC has held over 50% of the market share. LTC has a total of 1,891,640 mobile network subscribers, up from 1,837,065 and 1,617,493 subscribers at the ends of Q2 2015 and Q3 2014, respectively.

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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 seven satellites into the orbit; four 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 September 2014, THAICOM-7 was 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-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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