

## **Thaicom's subsidiary conducts a new satellite project to serve business partner in broadband and mobility services for Asia Pacific**

***Nonthaburi, Thailand, 21 October 2016*** – Thaicom Public Company Limited announced that its subsidiary, International Satellite Company Limited (ISC) has entered into a satellite procurement contract with China Great Wall Industry Corporation (CGWIC), China's leader in satellite construction and commercial launch services.

The Company has been entrusted to conduct a new satellite project for a business partner. The satellite will be operated under license and orbital slot of the partner. The partner will provide the Company with advanced service fees which will serve as the source of funding for the construction of the satellite, and this project is expected to contribute to increased revenue for the Company.

The satellite project is valued at approximately 208 million USD, or 7,280 million baht (based on the Bank of Thailand's average exchange rate for October 2016 of 35 baht to 1 USD). The satellite is designed to carry 37 GHz of Ka-band capacity, equivalent to 53 Gbps. With a 15-year lifetime and a service footprint covering China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, and Thailand, the satellite will strengthen broadband and mobility services in the Asia Pacific region. The satellite is expected to be completed around the end of the year 2019.

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### **About THAICOM**

THAICOM Public Company Limited, a leading Asian satellite operator, was established in 1991. The Company was the first to launch a broadband satellite in the world, and is a leader in developing integrated solutions for satellite broadband and broadcast services. The Company's engineering teams provide leading-edge innovative solutions for satellite-based telecommunications services. Since its establishment the Company has launched eight satellites, with five satellites in operation: THAICOM 4 (IPSTAR) provides a variety of broadband and data services, including cellular backhaul, mobility, government USO support, content delivery, business continuity and emergency services in thirteen countries in Asia Pacific.

THAICOM 6 is to expand the Company's broadcast carrying capacity in SE Asia and Africa (by the name "AFRICOM 1") and is collocated with THAICOM 5 at 78.5 degrees East; the satellites board a combined 700 TV channels both in SD and HD formats. THAICOM 7 was launched in September 2014 to provide media & data services for Asia's and Australasia's entertainment and telecom industries at 120 degrees East. THAICOM 8 was launched in May 2016 to expand Thaicom's servicing capacity and footprint in the region. Thaicom is traded on the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) under the trade symbol "THCOM".

### **About China Great Wall Industry Corporation**

Established in 1980, China Great Wall Industry Corporation (CGWIC) is the sole commercial organization authorized by the Chinese government to provide satellites, commercial launch services and to carry out international space cooperation.

As the professional company promoting international cooperation for China's space industry, CGWIC is devoted to the internationalized development of China's space industry. CGWIC has developed into a system integrator for space products and services. It can meet customers' multi-directional needs by providing comprehensive solutions for commercial launch services, satellite export, satellite ground tracking and control station construction, satellite applications, project financing, project insurance and technical training, etc. Through extensive international cooperation, CGWIC enjoys an excellent reputation in the international aerospace industry, the financial community and the insurance circle.

In addition, CGWIC is actively involved in the international marketing of civilian products and services utilizing space technology and provides high quality products and specialized services in diversified fields including satellite technology applications, green energy, information & electronic products, petroleum & petrochemical equipment, new materials, consulting services, international trade, international exhibition, international logistics, project contracting, international bidding, etc.

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