

Thaicom Inks Transponder Service Agreement with MVI to Strengthen Lao DTH Platform

Nonthaburi, 24 July 2017 – **Thaicom Public Company Limited**, one of Asia’s leading satellite operators, today announced that it has signed a transponder leasing agreement with **MV International Company Limited (MVI)**, a leading Thai broadcaster and DTH platform operator, to establish a pay TV platform in Laos. Under the multi-year agreement, MVI has signed a contract for Ku-band capacity on the THAICOM 8 satellite.

Patompob (Nile) Suwansiri, Chief Commercial Officer of Thaicom, commented: “The deal underlines Thaicom’s long-term commitment to the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC). Satellite enabled telecommunications infrastructure development is essential to the realization of ASEAN’s goal of economic integration.”

Kuntima Sarika, Vice President ASEAN Market of Thaicom, added: “We are pleased to support MVI’s development of a pay TV platform in Laos. The commissioning of THAICOM 8 in 2016 has helped further consolidate Thaicom’s video channel neighborhood of high-power satellites at the 78.5 degrees East orbital slot as the point of reference for broadcasting in Southeast Asia.”

“Thaicom and their THAICOM 8 satellite enable us to establish a pay TV platform in Laos to deliver high quality broadcasting services and programming. Thaicom’s premium satellite communications services present MVI the opportunity to expand our business into new media and broadcast service segments of the South East Asian market”, said **Chaiyuth Tavipvordech, President, MVI**.

THAICOM 8 represents a total solution for broadcast and data clients in Asia and Africa with excellent Ku-band coverage. The satellite supports the high demand for capacity of the broadcasting industry as it transitions from standard definition to high definition and ultra-high definition. THAICOM 8 has a total of 24 Ku-band transponders which cover Thailand, South Asia, and Africa. Co-located with THAICOM 5 and THAICOM 6 at 78.5°E longitude, THAICOM 8 entered service in July 2016. The rich video channel neighborhood at the 78.5°E orbital slot is one of the leading in Asia for a variety of programming.

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Orbital ATK manufactured the satellite and SpaceX was responsible for the launch. THAICOM 8 is designed to operate for more than 15 years.

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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".

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