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## **Hughes Communications India Named 2011 Best VSAT Operator in India at Telecom Operator Awards**

*Second year in a row HCIL has been honored with prestigious award*

**Germantown, Md., USA, April 19, 2011**—Hughes Communications India Ltd. (HCIL), India's leading provider of broadband satellite networks and services, was recognized as the Best VSAT Operator in India at the Telecom Operator Awards ceremony held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011 at the Hyatt Regency, New Delhi, India. Shyamal Ghosh, former secretary, Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Chairman, Telecom Commission and former administrator of the USO Fund, presented the award to Partho Banerjee, president and managing director of HCIL. The award recognizes companies that demonstrate outstanding performance in delivering world-class results in service and support in the telecom sector.

Commenting on this achievement, Mr. Banerjee said, "Receiving this prestigious award is a testament to our commitment to provide the most reliable and beneficial satellite service offerings and continually improve the customer's experience. We thank the organizers and our customers for recognizing us amongst our worthy peers."

The prestigious Telecom Operators Award was hosted by *Tele.net* magazine, whose editor, Shampa Bahadur, stated, "Acknowledging the leadership role played by telecom companies in different segments, the winners in 14 categories were chosen through an extensive survey conducted during the past two months among a carefully selected group of industry professionals, sector experts, and key consumers. This enabled the selection process to be fair, transparent, and conclusive, especially since every nominee has played a significant role in the country's telecom growth story. Hughes Communications India emerged the winner by a wide margin, winning twice as many votes as its peers."

### **About Tele.net Magazine**

*Tele.net* is a monthly magazine targeted especially at telecom service providers and large enterprise customers. It covers all segments of the sector—fixed, wireless, broadband, long distance, and satellite-based services, etc. The magazine is part of India Infrastructure Private Publishing, a company dedicated to providing information on the infrastructure sectors in India through magazines, conferences, newsletters and research reports. The company also publishes two other magazines, *Power Line* and *Indian Infrastructure*.

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### **About Hughes Communications India Limited**

Hughes Communications India Limited (HCIL) is India's leading provider of broadband satellite networks and services for enterprises, governments and small businesses. HCIL pioneered and is the leading provider of several new services and applications such as interactive distance learning and rural services, bringing the benefits of broadband to the underserved markets of India. HCIL is a majority owned subsidiary of Hughes Network Systems, LLC. For additional information, please visit [www.hughes.in](http://www.hughes.in).

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Hughes Network Systems, LLC (Hughes) is the world's leading provider of satellite broadband for home and office, delivering innovative network technologies, managed services, and solutions for enterprises and governments globally. HughesNet<sup>®</sup> is the #1 high-speed satellite Internet service in the marketplace, with offerings to suit every budget. To date, Hughes has shipped more than 2.5 million systems to customers in over 100 countries, representing over 50 percent market share. Its products employ global standards approved by the TIA, ETSI and ITU organizations, including IPoS/DVB-S2, RSM-A, and GMR-1.

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