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Hughes Receives Euroconsult Award as Broadband Satellite Operator of the Year

Jury recognizes Hughes business achievements and strong prospects for the future

Germantown, Md., September 8, 2010—Hughes Communications, Inc. (HUGHES), the global leader in broadband satellite networks and services, today announced that it has been recognized by Euroconsult as Broadband Satellite Operator of the Year for its outstanding performance in 2009 and strong prospects for the future. Pradman Kaul, president and CEO of Hughes, accepted the award earlier today at a luncheon ceremony during the 14th World Summit for Satellite Financing, held at the Hotel Westin in Paris, France.

“I am honoured to accept this award on behalf of all the employees and shareholders of Hughes, and appreciate that Euroconsult recognizes our business achievements last year and our momentum moving forward,” said Mr. Kaul. “These are exciting times for Hughes, as evidenced by our leadership across the full spectrum of broadband satellite services and technologies. But I can honestly say that with the quality of people we have, the best is yet to come.”

The award is one in a series for Excellence in Satellite Management, and which are based on an objective assessment of specific performance indicators by a jury of experts from *Satellite Finance*, *Space News*, and Euroconsult. As part of the awards process, companies were assessed and benchmarked on performance and then were evaluated through a second round of qualitative criteria.

Earlier in the day, Grant Barber, CFO of Hughes, participated on a panel entitled “*CFOs Priorities in the Current Business Climate*,” and on Thursday, September 9th, Mr. Kaul will be participating on the CEO panel, “*Broadband Satellite Operators*.”

About Euroconsult

Euroconsult is the leading international and fully independent consulting and analyst firm specializing in satellite applications, communications, and digital broadcasting. Euroconsult experts provide strategic consulting and comprehensive research reports, market analyses, and forecasts to support business planning and strategic decision making. Clients include more than 560 public and private sector entities in 50 countries. Euroconsult also organizes high-level summits, bringing together business leaders and the industry’s foremost experts to benchmark, network, do business, and discuss the industry’s challenges and opportunities.

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About Hughes Network Systems

Hughes Network Systems, LLC (HUGHES) is the global leader in providing broadband satellite networks and services for large enterprises, governments, small businesses, and consumers. HughesNet[®] encompasses all broadband solutions and managed services from Hughes, bridging the best of satellite and terrestrial technologies. Its broadband satellite products are based on global standards approved by the TIA, ETSI, and ITU standards organizations, including IPoS/DVB-S2, RSM-A and GMR-1. To date, Hughes has shipped more than 2.2 million systems to customers in over 100 countries.

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