

PRESS RELEASE

New iDirect service for Asia Pacific region and Maritime users

Adelaide, Australia: February 27, 2008. Australian Satellite Communications (ASC) today announced a new satellite telecommunications service across the South Pacific region. Based on iDirect VSAT technology, the service is hosted by Hawaii Pacific Teleport and covers the whole of the South Pacific from one satellite, GE-23.

To implement the service, an ASC owned iDirect 51F satellite hub has been commissioned on the high performance GE-23 South West Pacific and South East Pacific Ku band beams. The new services classes operating at 1024/512kbps with 512/256kbps CIR capability complement the existing ASC network operated out of the Adelaide teleport. These existing networks are already populated with large corporate and government customers on the GE-23 South Pacific beam covering Australia, New Zealand and beyond. Following the introduction of the new services ASC have recently received orders from Geoscience Australia for sites on Christmas Island which are covered by the South West Pacific beam.

Chris Joseland, Managing Director of ASC said "We chose Hawaii Pacific Teleport in preference to a US mainland teleport for a number of reasons. HPT are flexible, fast to respond and through joint cooperation will also market our platform to customers they have in the region. Hawaii is also ideally placed for the optimum look angle to the satellite GE-23 situated at 172 degrees East."

The first customer site of the new service was commissioned last week on board a 240 foot super yacht off the coast of Tahiti. The owners of the yacht contracted ASC to upgrade their existing SeaTel stabilized antenna system and deliver a 1024/512kbps business grade broadband Internet access service with dedicated voice channels to the ocean going yacht.

Vince Waterson, VP Business Development at Hawaii Pacific Teleport said "We are pleased that ASC awarded us a three year contract to provide service on GE-23. We have also entered into a co-marketing agreement whereby we will offer their services to US government customers who have a preference for using iDirect services."

Andrew Jordan, VP & General Manager of SAT-GE said "We are pleased to offer ASC our uniquely positioned capacity on a satellite with extraordinarily high performance designed to serve commercial aircraft and maritime vessels crossing the Pacific with broadband Internet and multimedia. Our wide coverage enables us to bring broadband Internet access to even the most remote Pacific islands where users only require an antenna of 4 feet or less."

The ASC investment is a response to rising demand for high availability business grade IP broadband as multinational companies in the region increase their focus on resource exploration, expand their maritime operations and their need for real time communication grows. This expanded coverage also allows Australian Satellite Communications to satisfy the growing demand for critical connectivity as required by governments, the resources sector, educational and non-profit organizations.

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About ASC

Australian Satellite Communications Pty Ltd provides a complete range of VSAT services throughout Australia and the Asia Pacific region. Established in 1985, Australian Satellite Communications provides total satellite communications solutions for the Corporate & Government sectors comprising mainly of government, mining and oil and gas industries. Additional information about ASC can be found at www.ascs.com.au

About HPT

Hawaii Pacific Teleport, the largest commercial teleport in Hawaii, is upgrading their facilities to support new business on GE-23. They are installing an 8.1m ku-band and a 7m c-band antenna to support this new satellite with strategic coverage of the Asia Pacific region. Additional information about HPT can be found at www.hawaiiteleport.com

About SAT-GE

SAT-GE provides satellite capacity on GE-23 across the Pacific basin, encompassing 6 individual beams, 5 Ku-band and 1 C-band, that give almost total coverage of both land mass and ocean from Perth in Australia to Los Angeles in the USA and from Alaska to South New Zealand. GE-23 offers Ku-band cross connectivity capability between multiple beams and, in C-band, a single trans-Pacific beam allows simultaneous uplink and downlink from anywhere within the beam. The GE-23 satellite located at 172 degrees east was manufactured by Alcatel Space, a series 4100 spacecraft, with a minimum useful life of 15 years. Launched on 29 December 2005, GE-23 delivers internet applications, VSAT, data and telecommunications services, and cable and broadcast programming. Additional information about SAT-GE and GE-23 can be found at www.sat-ge.com