

ADVANTECH Satellite Networks Receives a Contract to Provide a DVB-RCS VSAT Satellite Communications System to Saudi Aramco

MONTREAL, CANADA -- 01/31/07 -- ADVANTECH AMT, Inc, today announced that its wholly owned subsidiary, ADVANTECH Satellite Networks Inc, has been awarded a contract to provide a new VSAT satellite communications network for Saudi Aramco in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The DVB-RCS VSAT Satellite Communications System to be delivered includes redundant hubs with geographic diversity and provisions for hundreds of fixed, maritime and auto-tracking terminals that will be used to support Saudi Aramco operation and in particular, exploration of new oil reserves in the Saudi Arabian desert. The system also provides disaster recovery capabilities and backup communications services to remote areas. Saudi Aramco has been deploying VSAT systems since 2001 and has awarded a contract via competitive bidding process to ADVANTECH to provide an end-to-end turnkey data transmission system that is ideal for oil exploration. The system will enable timely use of information from rigs and field crews.

ADVANTECH, in conjunction with Noviasat Ltd, a Saudi Company is responsible for the installation of the equipment as well as for the deployment and commissioning of the solution. Applications supported by the system include advanced VoIP, secure communications, and high rate data transfer.

Commenting on this significant contract award, Donald Osborne, President of Advantech Satellite Networks said, "we are thrilled to have been awarded this important contract by Saudi Aramco; our leading edge DVB-RCS open standard platform will allow SA to increase productivity specifically in the areas of the Saudi Arabian desert where communications is hard. He went on to say, "ADVANTECH's DVB-RCS system takes full advantage of the many benefits of using the new DVB-S2 standard. We have been at the forefront of DVB-S2 technology development and this latest contract award provides further proof that Advantech Satellite Networks delivers world-class broadband satellite communications."

About ADVANTECH

ADVANTECH AMT INC is an industry leader in design, manufacture and marketing of equipment for satellite and wireless communications. Advantech AMT is comprised of four businesses: Advantech AMT (Satellite Equipment), Advantech Satellite Networks (SatNet), Allgon Microwave, and Advantech Advanced Manufacturing Services (AMS) The Company is headquartered in Montreal Canada, has approximately 550 employees worldwide, and operates facilities in Europe, Canada and the United States.

About Advantech Satellite Networks

Advantech Satellite Networks (SatNet) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Advantech AMT Inc. SatNet is a leading provider of broadband satellite communications systems ground terminal and hub solutions using the international open standard DVB-RCS. Satnet's product and technology solutions enable two-way broadband access for a wide range of networking applications ranging from Internet access to more sophisticated virtual private networks, videoconferencing and voiceover-IP. Advantech Satellite Networks is also a provider of military compliant satellite communications systems for use in DoD owned teleports and for foreign military establishments worldwide.

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