

IPSTAR Australia Pty Ltd surpasses 60,000 connections and introduces THAICOM-4 Satellite Open Access Policy to Australia

Sydney, Australia. May 18, 2009 – IPSTAR Australia Pty Ltd (IPA), a subsidiary of Thaicom Public Company Limited, the leading regional satellite operator, today announced that they have surpassed 60,000 connections since inception in 2003.

Under the Australian Broadband Guarantee (ABG), IPSTAR service providers have been successfully deploying IPSTAR broadband satellite services to the retail market with end-user packages at metro comparable prices starting at only \$29.95/month.

Phil Cross, Sales Manager of IPA said, “Since commercialisation of the service in 2003 the IPSTAR broadband satellite solution has proven to be the product of choice in Australia to enable rural broadband services nationwide. This combined with the Australian government’s support through its ABG program, has enabled Australians, wherever they live, to have access to broadband at metro prices. There is still up to 4% of Australia that does not have access to terrestrial or wireless broadband services therefore we will continue to expand our network by working closely with our local service providers.”

IPA also announced that they now offer an open access policy to any service provider who would like to access the THAICOM-4 satellite capacity and use it with their ground system of choice to deliver Australian rural broadband requirements. THAICOM-4 is the next generation High Throughput Satellite (HTS) that IPA uses in conjunction with the IPSTAR ground system to deliver 60,000 connections today. “While most people are unaware of it, THAICOM-4 is the only next generation HTS above Australia at the moment that uses spot beams and frequency reuse to deliver true broadband services. The THAICOM-4 satellite still has 12 more years of life to ensure long-term service continuity for rural Australians” said *Dr. Supoj Chinveeraphan*, General Manager of IPA, “IPSTAR has a CPE product roadmap to deliver speeds up to 12Mbps inline with Australian broadband requirements for rural areas.”

With the continuation of the ABG program through IPSTAR service providers, IPA is targeting over 90,000 subscribers, or 1% of Australian premises by early 2010.

About IPSTAR Australia Pty Ltd (IPA)

IPSTAR Australia Pty Ltd (“IPA”), a THAICOM subsidiary, is a Satellite Broadband carrier based in Sydney Australia. IPA is managing over 10 IPSTAR service providers; most of them are ABG accredited providers. IPA has provided satellite broadband solutions Australia-wide since 2003. The Company also operates IPSTAR Gateways in Kalgoorlie and Broken Hill.

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