



## Press Release

# Thuraya and Telespazio Sign Partnership Agreement for Global Distribution

- Thuraya's mobile satellite solutions are now available through the Leonardo and Thales Company's global network

Abu Dhabi and Rome, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - Thuraya, the mobile satellite services subsidiary of the UAE's Al Yah Satellite Communications Company, (Yahsat), has signed a partnership agreement with Telespazio, a joint venture between Leonardo (67%) and Thales (33%), to distribute its products and services worldwide.

Telespazio customers in critical sectors such as government, maritime, energy and relief can now effectively integrate Thuraya's mobile solutions with their own platforms to enable a wide range of comms-on-the-move and comms-on-the-pause applications.

Shawkat Ahmed, Thuraya's Chief commercial Officer said: "The combination of our game-changing technology and Telespazio's global distribution with support systems, makes this partnership very efficient in addressing market opportunities and delivering a compelling proposition for end users. The partnership with Telespazio, a company that has a long history and expertise in the MSS industry, is part of our continued efforts to consolidate Thuraya's global presence in key markets and sectors so that customers have constant access to our versatile solutions."

Thuraya's mobile satellite network enables seamless voice, data and broadband services on land, at sea and in the air, covering over 160 countries across Europe, Africa, Asia and Australia.

"Thuraya gives added breadth to what Telespazio has to offer in terms of solutions and services for the government, utilities, oil and gas, and mobility markets, further reinforcing our role as a global satellite service distributor. Our partnership with Thuraya allows us to offer clients worldwide a comprehensive range of mobile satellite services, backed by flexible plans and reliable equipment," said Alessandro Caranci, head of Telespazio's Satellite Communications Line of Business.

In the UAE, Telespazio's main shareholder Leonardo has a long history of collaboration based on the supply of naval technologies, trainer aircraft and new generation



helicopters. In the country, Leonardo and Telespazio are also engaged in Earth Observation, satellite navigation, telecommunications and geo-information activities.

Since its inception in 1997, Thuraya has grown to be a leading mobile satellite services operator, connecting two-thirds of the planet. For government customers, the company offers fully integrated secure solutions for ISR, Telemedicine, SAR and Aero applications.

Its dual-mode, SAT-GSM connectivity options for voice and IoT/M2M services are unique in the industry. Thuraya also has a rich service portfolio for maritime communications including global VSAT, broadband, tracking and monitoring.

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#### **About Thuraya Telecommunications Company**

Thuraya, is the mobile satellite services subsidiary of the Al Yah Satellite Communications Company (Yahsat), a leading global satellite operator based in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), fully owned by Mubadala Investment Company. Established in 1997, Thuraya offers innovative communications solutions to a variety of sectors including maritime, energy, government, broadcast media, military, aerospace and humanitarian NGO.

Thuraya's superior network enables clear communications and uninterrupted coverage across two-thirds of the globe by MSS, global VSAT coverage and around the world through its unique GSM roaming capabilities. The company's diverse range of technologically advanced and dependable mobile satellite handsets and broadband devices provide ease of use, value, quality and efficiency. Through relevant partnerships, Thuraya stays ahead by delivering solutions and supporting applications that meet the rapidly transforming nature of market demands. Thuraya remains committed to keeping everyone within reach in any circumstance by making accessible the essential tools required for vital connectivity.

For more information, please visit [www.thuraya.com](http://www.thuraya.com).

#### **About Telespazio**

Telespazio, a joint venture between Leonardo 67% and Thales 33%, is one of the world's leading operators in satellite services. Its activities range from the design and development of space systems to the management of launch services, from in-orbit satellite control to Earth observation, from integrated communications, satellite navigation and localisation services to scientific programmes. Telespazio plays a leading role in the reference markets harnessing technological experience acquired over the years. Since its establishment, the company has

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participated in major European space programmes such as Galileo, EGNOS, Copernicus and COSMO-SkyMed. In 2019, Telespazio generated sales of EUR 535 million while employing approximately 2,600 people worldwide.

For more information, please visit [www.telespazio.com](http://www.telespazio.com)