IG Telecom selects Hughes HN Broadband Solution

Hughes Network Systems, the global provider of broadband satellite networks and services, today announced that internet service provider IG Telecom, with head quarters in Libreville, Gabon, have chosen the Hughes HN broadband satellite solution to expand its services throughout the central African nation and surrounding countries.

IG Telecom will employ the Hughes HN System comprising a Network Operations Center (NOC) and up to 2 000 HN9260 routers to expand high-speed satellite internet and VoIP service to homes and small-to-medium business (SMBs) in under-served areas of Gabon and neighboring countries.

Extending internet services

In addition, Hughes customised the antenna solution to include a dual LNB, which enables IG Telecom to deliver a triple play offering including the French direct-to-home (DTH) television service Canal +.

"We evaluated Hughes along with other broadband satellite system providers and found the Hughes HN System to be the most reliable and cost effective," said Alain Ba Oumar, president of IG Telecom.

"The NOC and routers will be a big part of our initiative to extend internet services to currently un-served areas. An additional benefit is the ability to provide our customers with DTH service using the same outdoor equipment."

"We are proud that IG Telecom selected Hughes technology, and especially to provide this exciting triple play offering," said Kannan Soupramanien, regional sales director for French-speaking Africa at Hughes.

"The HN System is widely deployed globally, and powers the world's largest high-speed Internet service, with over 620,000 HughesNet® subscribers in the U.S. We are confident that IG Telecom will experience great success with this system."

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