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XTAR ANNOUNCES TERMINAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Company Introduces Process for Quickly Certifying X-band Antennas

ASHBURN, Virginia (August 29, 2017) – XTAR, LLC has announced an expedited terminal certification process. The program is designed to enable terminal manufacturers and users to quickly yet thoroughly examine and certify X-band antennas for use on the XTAR constellation. To date, eight antenna manufacturers have successfully passed testing for their products to become certified by XTAR.

XTAR provides satellite communications exclusively for military or government use. This expedited program was introduced to ensure that the antennas are safe and compliant to interface with their two X-band satellites, and to provide a rapid path for equipment manufacturers to bring their products into use.

Currently, terminal manufacturers attempting to become X-band certified on Wideband Global SATCOM (WGS) undergo a lengthy process of certification, lasting as long as two years. The XTAR program takes approximately one week, allowing users to quickly get up and running with approved terminals.

“Our process is thorough, yet much more streamlined,” explains Kelly Nicklin, Senior Director of Sales and Business Development for XTAR. “We are extremely careful about access to our satellites, but have been able to speed up the process. We pride ourselves on our responsiveness to our customers and our partners. Their success is our success, so if we can ease the path to get their products in the hands of the end-users more quickly, everyone benefits.” She adds, “Our certification program therefore provides a path for new, often small or disadvantaged terminals to be fielded and operated more quickly.”

Manufacturers with antennas currently certified by XTAR include Advantech Wireless, Ball Aerospace, General Dynamics, Gigasat, Hughes, L-3, Tampa Microwave and Vislink.

Manufacturers interested in undergoing the certification process should contact XTAR at info@xtar.com or +1 571 281-3570.

ABOUT XTAR

Founded in 2001, XTAR, LLC is the first commercial satellite operator to provide services in the X-band frequency. XTAR is a privately owned company backed by majority shareholder Loral Space & Communications of New York. XTAR also enjoys investment and support from minority shareholder Hisdesat Strategic Services SA. XTAR launched its fleet without government funding, employing its own technical and financial resources for a system that is reserved exclusively for the benefit of the government user. Countries around the world trust XTAR to support critical services such as border security and information gathering.