

Press Release

Inmarsat Offers Full Coverage for Mobile Broadband Services in Australia

*Inmarsat-4 satellites repositioned to optimise network
and deliver global broadband services*

Sydney, Australia, February 26, 2009 – Inmarsat, the leading provider of global mobile satellite communications services, today launched its mobile broadband services in Australia, offering coverage across the whole country.

Inmarsat's broadband services were previously available only in the Western part of Australia but, with the launch of a third Inmarsat-4 satellite and a successful satellite repositioning program that ended on February 24, 2009, the company can now deliver those services nationwide. Inmarsat is now the only provider to offer mobile broadband services on a global basis.

In Australia for the launch, Michael Butler, President of Inmarsat, said, "Inmarsat has been providing mobile satellite services to Australia for almost 30 years now. We are very excited to extend our broadband coverage across the whole country, which will in turn enable both local and international organisations to extend their business reach.

"Satellite communications is especially crucial to a country like Australia that focuses heavily on its mining and construction sectors, where employees often operate out of remote locations with limited or no terrestrial networks. With our enhanced global broadband satellite services, they can set up mobile offices and have access to the same standard business applications, no matter where they are."

As Australia's business community becomes increasingly aware of the role information technology plays in improving operational efficiencies and minimising costs, the need for flexible and expandable integrated communications services grows. However, in a country famous for its "outback" with large areas of grasslands and mountainous areas, it is a challenge for terrestrial network operators to provide comprehensive coverage. With satellite communications, access to a range of voice and high-speed data communications services at any latitude, longitude or altitude is now possible.

Over the next month, Inmarsat is joining its Australian distribution partners to host a series of seminars and demonstrations across the country, reaching out to businesses and government organisations. The company aims to showcase how broadband satellite communications can address the need for constant connectivity.

Inmarsat's services are available in Australia through distribution partners and service providers to users from the government, media, oil & gas, mining and construction sectors, among others. Users include Haines Surveys of Perth, Western Australia, which uses Inmarsat BGAN to work more effectively in the field when conducting gravity surveys of underground mineral deposits for mining clients; Qantas, which is using Inmarsat's aeronautical services to provide connectivity for passengers on domestic and international flights; and the Royal Australian Navy, which uses Inmarsat services in its specialist naval rescue operations.

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In Sydney, Mr Butler will demonstrate one of the more interesting applications for satellite services: the use of Inmarsat FleetBroadband in the Volvo Ocean Race 2008-09. Together with Chris Nicolson, Australian watch captain from the PUMA entry *// Mostro*, Mr Butler will place a video call to navigator Andrew Cape as the boat journeys from Qingdao, China to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The race – which started in Alicante, Spain in October 2008 and ends in St Petersburg, Russia, in late June 2009 – spans 37,000 nautical miles and is the ultimate mix of world-class sporting competition and on-the-edge adventure, with a tradition dating back 35 years. The advanced capabilities of FleetBroadband allow, for the first time, an expected global audience of more than 1.8 billion people to follow the world's premier yacht race on HDTV, radio and the Internet.

Michael Butler said: "The call will be a very real example of how satellite communications is deployed, demonstrating the flexibility and capability of Inmarsat's broadband services. The fact that we are connecting with a boat in the Pacific is evidence of our successful repositioning exercise, with coverage now enabled throughout Australia to anywhere in the world."

Available for download from the below link is video footage showing the journey of the Inmarsat-4 satellite program: http://www.watterson.com.au/Downloads/Inmarsat/Inmarsat_Intro.zip

Note: this is a very large file (110MB) produced for TV viewing, so may not play on all PCs. If you do have trouble playing the file please download the latest free version of VLC Media Player: <http://www.videolan.org/vlc/>

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About Inmarsat

Inmarsat plc (LSE: ISAT) is the leading provider of global mobile satellite communications. Since 1979, Inmarsat has been providing reliable voice and high-speed data communications to governments, enterprises and other organisations, with a range of services that can be used on land, at sea or in the air. The company's services are delivered through a global network of more than 500 distribution partners and service providers operating in 180 countries. For the half-year ended 30 June 2008, Inmarsat plc had total revenue of US\$ 485.5 million. More information can be found at www.inmarsat.com.

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