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### **Hughes Europe to Explore Growing Importance of Satellite at GVF Oil & Gas Communications Europe Conference**

**Milton Keynes, UK, 12 May 2011**—One of the highlights of the forthcoming 4th Annual GVF (Global VSAT Forum) Oil & Gas Communications Europe Conference, will be Simon Watts, chief engineer at Hughes Europe, European subsidiary of global leader in satellite broadband solutions, Hughes Network Systems, LLC (HUGHES), examining how providers of satellite and satellite-hybrid services are responding positively to the increasing demand for new commercial oil and gas applications.

The Conference, being held in Aberdeen, will run from 17-18 May and is an important event in the industry calendar, bringing together operators and vendors in an open-forum debate to discuss the key issues affecting the oil and gas supply sector. “In expanding our presence in the upstream market, Hughes customers can benefit from our wealth of retail oil and gas experience,” said Watts.

“Globally, the oil and gas sector remains an important growth market for Hughes,” he continued. “The industry is one in which we can demonstrate a unique integrated network services expertise and an unmatched ability to deliver practical communications solutions designed to meet individual customer needs.”

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Hughes Network Systems, LLC (Hughes) is the world’s leading provider of satellite broadband for home and office, delivering innovative network technologies, managed

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