

## **SATLINK LAUNCHES IDIRECT EVOLUTION NETWORK TO PROVIDE VNO SERVICES IN EMEA AND ASIA**

### ***Evolution maximizes network efficiency, quality for data, IP and video services***

**Herndon, Va., November 11, 2010** – VT iDirect, Inc. (iDirect), a company of VT Systems, Inc. (VT Systems), today announced that SatLink Communications, a leading provider of transmission solutions for video, audio and data over satellite platforms, fiber and IP, has launched an iDirect Evolution network to enhance its data services. By purchasing a new Evolution satellite hub, SatLink is offering complete service coverage across Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Asia. iDirect is a world leader in satellite-based IP communications technology.

By deploying an Evolution network, SatLink is enhancing its service portfolio, including hub hosting and VNO operations, along with its core data, video and IP transmission businesses, while expanding its capacity for new customers. SatLink's 100 secured earth stations are ideally positioned for supporting both regional and global telecoms and satellite operators with a myriad of data services.

iDirect's Evolution platform enables SatLink to enhance the value of its services in several ways. Built on the next-generation DVB-S2 transmission standard with Adaptive Coding and Modulation, SatLink's Evolution network allows the provider to better utilize network bandwidth resources and realize immediate efficiency gains. As SatLink looks to expand its services to new customers across EMEA and Asia, iDirect's universal satellite hub enables high-speed satellite broadband with carrier-class quality and performance regardless of bandwidth requirement, location or business application.

*"Whether we're supporting a VNO service handling critical data for a government or enterprise client, or a broadcaster transmitting a live HD-video feed of a major event, the quality and integrity of our services is non-negotiable. By implementing an Evolution network, we can enhance bandwidth speeds and throughput, and offer the levels of reliability and security that are critical to our broadcast, government and corporate customers who entrust us with their most valuable assets."*

**~ David HOCHNER  
CEO, SatLink Communications**

*"The demand for satellite broadband service to support core communications continues to increase, especially as recent technology advancements enable satellite*

*to mirror the performance, quality and security levels of terrestrial service. By installing an iDirect Evolution hub, SatLink is positioned to realize immediate efficiency gains and capacity expansion in order to capture new market opportunities across EMEA and Asia.”*

**~ Stephen TUNNICLIFFE**  
**Regional Vice President, Europe, iDirect**

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**SatLink Communications** is recognized as a pioneer in global satellite communications services and is among the world's 15 top independent teleports and a leading provider of transmission solutions for Global Content Distribution over satellite platforms, fiber and IP. SatLink's services include Uplink, Downlink and Turn Around in SD and HD, Channel Management, Production, SNG & Fly Away, Hub Hosting, iDirect VNO hosting, Video Monitoring, IPTV and TT&C. Strategically located in the heart of the Middle East, SatLink provides access to a worldwide network covering five continents and has been providing its clients with flexible and cost-effective transmission solutions for close to two decades. SatLink operates a range of premier MCPC platforms including HotBird, AsiaSat 5, Galaxy 19, Astra 4A/Sirius 4, Eurobird 9, AMOS and more. Please visit [www.satlink.tv](http://www.satlink.tv).

**iDirect**, a subsidiary of VT Systems, is transforming the way the world gets and stays connected. The company's satellite-based IP communications technology enables constant connectivity for voice, video and data applications in diverse and challenging environments. The iDirect Intelligent Platform™ integrates advanced technology into iDirect's portfolio of hubs, routers and network management software to address the growing complexity of deploying and managing global IP networks. With more than 15 years of global satellite communications experience, iDirect serves customers in over 50 countries through a diverse network of service provider partners, including seven of the World Teleport Association's Global Top Ten operators. Headquartered in Herndon, Virginia, iDirect has offices in Europe, Middle East, Africa and Latin America. In 2007, iDirect Government Technologies (iGT) was set up to drive adoption of its IP-based solutions in the US Government market. In 2008, iDirect Asia Pte Ltd was established in Singapore to enhance its value-add and responsiveness to customers in the Asia Pacific region. Please visit [www.idirect.net](http://www.idirect.net).

**VT Systems** is a diversified company providing integrated engineering solutions to the commercial and government markets in the aerospace, electronics, land systems and marine sectors. VT Systems' innovative solutions, products and services include aircraft maintenance, repair and modification; software solutions in training and simulation; satellite-based IP communications technology; network solutions that integrate data, voice and video; rugged computers and computer peripheral equipment; specialized truck bodies and trailers; weapons and munitions systems; road construction equipment; and ship design and shipbuilding. Headquartered in Alexandria, Va., VT Systems operates globally and is a wholly owned subsidiary of ST Engineering. Please visit [www.vt-systems.com](http://www.vt-systems.com).

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