



## COMSAT ACHIEVES PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATION OF TWO TELEPORTS FROM WTA

**New York, June 18, 2018** – The World Teleport Association (WTA) today announced that COMSAT has achieved provisional certification of its Santa Paula (California) and Southbury (Connecticut) under WTA’s [Teleport Certification](#) Program.

Since its introduction at IBC 2015, the Certification program has quickly grown in popularity, with 20 teleports currently engaged in the quality evaluation process and certifications already issued to teleports owned by Eutelsat, du, Signalhorn, Optus, Globecom, Media Broadcast Satellite, Horizon, Elara Comunicaciones, GlobalSat, Talia, Telenor, Speedcast, Batelco, Planetcast, VIVACOM, Etisalat, Intelsat, Hawaii Pacific Teleport, SingTel, Cyta and Arqiva.

To achieve Provisional Certification, a teleport operator completes a +170-item questionnaire and submits it to WTA. The Association analyzes the data based on standards established by its Certification Committee and issues the Provisional Certification based on the self-reported information. The teleport then has six months to achieve Full Certification. To achieve Full Certification under WTA’s program, an auditor is dispatched to visit the teleport, provide independent validation of the data submitted in the questionnaire, and identify additional factors that may positively or negatively affect the score. Full Certification is issued at a Tier number from 1 through 4, of which 4 represents the highest degree of excellence, and remains in effect for 3 years.

“COMSAT brings over 50 years of experience in the Satellite Earth Station and Teleport industry during which it has demonstrated high availability and premium quality of service as well as on-schedule performance.” explains President David Greenhill.

“The Santa Paula teleport is located 90 miles north of Los Angeles and the Southbury teleport is located about 60 miles north of New York City. Each teleport has operated continuously for more than 40 years and both were built to high standards for providing life and safety services, along with a host of satellite system platforms from metrological data gathering to advanced navigation systems.”

In addition to growing the teleports’ capabilities through technological advancements, COMSAT is now a part of the Satcom Direct (SD) family of companies, which further expands its offerings. COMSAT, with the SD Data Center, has been working to provide secure, comprehensive, integrated connectivity solutions to help organizations stay connected, no

matter the environment or circumstances. COMSAT's teleports, a critical component in this process, have evolved to keep pace with changing communication needs in any situation.

The SD Data Center, wholly owned by SD, brings enterprise-level cybersecurity capabilities to data transmissions in the air, on the ground and over water. The SD Data Center also provides industry compliant data center solutions, and business continuity planning for numerous industries including healthcare, education, financial, military, government and technology.

"Certification supplies the crucial missing answer to the teleport customer's biggest question: what quality of service will I really receive?" said executive director Robert Bell. "Independent, standards-based evaluation and validation sets teleport operators apart and assures customers that they will receive the price-performance outcome they expect."

WTA's Teleport Certification Program serves both teleport operators and their customers by creating an objective, transparent, and internationally accepted method for teleport operators to document the quality of their operations for customers and strategic partners. It also provides a means for customers to select teleport vendors delivering the price-performance level that is appropriate for their applications. [Click here for a list of certified teleports.](#)

For more information about the Teleport Certification Program, visit <http://www.worldteleport.org/?page=Certification> or email WTA Membership Director Randall Barney at [rbarney@worldteleport.org](mailto:rbarney@worldteleport.org).

### **About World Teleport Association**

Since 1985, the World Teleport Association ([www.worldteleport.org](http://www.worldteleport.org)) has focused on improving the business of satellite communications from the ground up. At the core of its membership are the world's most innovative operators of teleports, from independents to multinationals, niche service providers to global carriers. WTA is dedicated to advocating for the interests of teleport operators in the global telecommunications market and promoting excellence in teleport business practice, technology and operations.

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**About COMSAT**

COMSAT, Inc. is a leading operator of customized, secure end-to-end satellite communications services. We deliver a full portfolio of fixed satellite solutions (C-Band, Ku-Band, Ka-Band, X-Band and UHF) and mobile satellite solutions (Inmarsat, Thuraya and Iridium) to aeronautical, land-mobile and maritime users in multiple markets, including U.S. government and military, global governments, educational institutions and commercial maritime. COMSAT owns and operates two teleports located in Southbury, CT and Santa Paula, CA that provide various communications and data center services to commercial, government and educational institutions worldwide including end-to-end connectivity, co-location and research efforts, critical data backup and recovery, satellite and terrestrial network data center, cloud and cybersecurity services.

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