



## **ARABSAT Selects OmniGlobe Networks EMEA To Deliver 12 New Backhauling Earth Stations**

IBC, Amsterdam, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009 – OmniGlobe Networks EMEA and ARABSAT – the leading satellite operator headquartered in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia – announce today a contractual agreement for Omniglobe Networks EMEA to provide 12 new backhauling platforms for the transmission of SCPC TV streams throughout the Arab world countries.

Under the terms of the contract, OmniGlobe ([www.omniglobe.com/satellite-communications](http://www.omniglobe.com/satellite-communications)) will be responsible for the supply, design, integration, testing and commissioning of the broadcast contribution earth stations and all other associated equipment and systems, including earth station/RF chains/baseband equipment chains. OmniGlobe will be the first satellite communications supplier to produce small aperture antennas with associated RF compliant with ITU Appendix 30B frequency band, as offered across ARABSAT 5-A, set to launch Q1 next year.

ARABSAT already has a variety of satellites that provide the highest downlink power and the widest coverage area over the MENA (Middle East & North Africa) region compared to any other satellite operator. ARABSAT-5A will be the latest satellite to be launched in the first quarter next year and will deliver capacity over the entire Africa and Middle East regions, as well as most of Central Asia.

“OmniGlobe is well-qualified to supply these backhauling earth stations to ARABSAT, having worked in more than 70 countries over a 25 year period; we have the experience to design, procure and deliver this turnkey project, and we very much look forward to working with them in order to fulfill this contract,” said David Harper, Managing Director of OmniGlobe Networks EMEA. “ARABSAT is very conscious of the need to evolve and develop to meet the needs of a changing world of communications. Our commitment to them is not just to the “here and now”. We will continue to support their existing network, and to develop new, customised solutions long into the future.”

Using its wealth of experience and expertise, OmniGlobe has designed an innovative turnkey solution that meets both the stringent satellite operator system specifications and the best performance requirements. The project, which uses the latest state-of-the-art technology, involves the redesign of unique system components and offers the most beneficial link budgets, thus minimizing the operator’s ground infrastructure costs.



The 12 new TV backhauling platforms will provide high quality SCPC/MCPC satellite transmit/receive systems. Designed for continuous operation, they will be capable of receiving their own signals for monitoring purposes and will be equipped with extensive control and diagnostic functions, both on and off sites.

*"We look forward to working with OmniGlobe Networks EMEA on the new ARABSAT- 5-A," says Khalid Balkheyour, CEO of Arabsat. "This project will allow added capacities to be utilized for diverse broadcasting services, and we are eager to implement it in a timely manner, to match both our expansion strategy and our customers' requirements."*

The project, announced at IBC 2009, is due to start early October 2009 and is scheduled to be completed by early 2010.

For more information about the project, please visit OmniGlobe Networks EMEA at IBC booth 4.B79A (UK pavilion) and ARABSAT at IBC booth 5.A19.

#### **About OmniGlobe Networks EMEA**

Based in the UK, OmniGlobe Networks EMEA (a wholly-owned subsidiary of OmniGlobe Networks) has nearly 25 years' experience in providing advanced network services to the satellite and broadcast industries. OmniGlobe EMEA designs innovative RF earth stations and VSAT networks to deliver outstanding performance and reliability. In addition, where satellite communications determine the selection of applications, this project-engineering company has delivered turnkey networks to broadcasters, PTT and government markets. Omniglobe also manages a fully-equipped service repair centre and delivers training courses covering all aspects of satellite communications. Its wide customer base ranges from banking, broadcast, commercial, government and security markets as well as telcos and NGO organisations. The company focuses on supplier and customer relations and is ISO 9001 certified. For more information, contact Omniglobe at Lapwing 440, Frimley Business Park, Frimley, Surrey, GU16 7SZ, United Kingdom, tel: +44 (0) 1276 418 908, email: [satcom-sales@omniglobe.com](mailto:satcom-sales@omniglobe.com), or visit the company web site at [www.omniglobe.com/satellite-communications](http://www.omniglobe.com/satellite-communications)

#### **About ARABSAT**

Backed by the 21 Arab countries with more than 30-year heritage of operations, Arabsat offers the Arab world and sub-Saharan Africa an unrivalled range of satellite communications services: Direct-to-home television & radio, telephony, Internet, direct broadband access, VSATs and other interactive services meeting current and emerging demand. Now the world's 10<sup>th</sup> largest satellite operator, Arabsat carries more than 340 TV channels reaching tens of millions of homes and is committed to keep expanding its services in order to meet the



evolving needs of its customers. With a 164 million viewers in the Middle-East North Africa region alone, its 26°E "hot-spot" has become the Arab world's video neighbourhood of choice, with an aggressive fleet deployment of one satellite per year from 2009 to 2012.  
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