

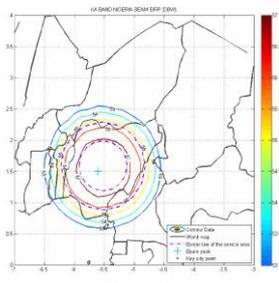


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## NIGCOMSAT PARTNERS WITH NEWTEC FOR KA-BAND BROADBAND SERVICES

Newtec's VSAT Hub and terminals selected to be part of NIGCOMSAT's mission to provide cost-effective satellite broadband services to Nigerian consumers and SMEs, with planned services for West Africa



NigComSat-1R Ka-band Spot beam over Nigeria



Timasaniyu Ahmed-Rufai, Managing Director, NIGCOMSAT Limited

**ABUJA, Nigeria, and SINT-NIKLAAS, Belgium, 12 March 2013.** Nigerian Communications Satellite (NIGCOMSAT) Limited has selected satellite specialist Newtec to provide a Ka-band hub platform including terminals to offer B2B and B2C broadband services. The broadband platform will enable optimal and cost effective voice, data, video, Internet and application service solutions over Nigeria via the NigComSat-1R satellite.

NIGCOMSAT Limited, was founded in 2006 by the Nigerian Federal Ministry of Communication Technology with a mission to become the leading communication satellite operator and service provider in Africa and an aim of leveraging that for the benefit of the nation.

Mr Timasaniyu Ahmed-Rufai, Managing Director and Chief Executive at NIGCOMSAT, said: *"High-speed and reliable Internet will transform the economy and lead to more and better opportunities for many individuals. In 2011 we successfully put our own high throughput satellite in the sky and I am pleased to welcome now our new technology partner Newtec. We are teaming-up with Newtec because of its track record of delivering reliable, fast and easy to use satellite solutions at an affordable cost."*

The installation of a first Newtec broadband hub is already complete. NIGCOMSAT plans to operate several thousands of satellite modems within the first year of operation.

Serge Van Herck, CEO of Newtec, said: *"I am delighted to say that our new Ka-band technology will help to close the digital divide in Nigeria by using the latest broadband technologies to achieve the highest broadband experience and availability. Our Newtec MDM2200 Ka-band consumer modem and our MDM3100 enterprise modem enable NIGCOMSAT to provide highly competitive connectivity services, achieving download speeds eventually up to 45Mbps. The self-installation capability and the optimized packaging of our complete Ka-band terminals allow NIGCOMSAT to minimize the logistical and installation costs."*

It is expected that the NigComSat-1R will enable a National ICT revolution in Nigeria by providing cost effective solutions and affordable access to meet Nigeria's telecommunications, broadcast, aviation, maritime, defense and security needs.

For more information about Newtec's consumer and business VSAT solutions, visit <http://newproducts.newtec.eu/new-products/application/consumer-and-business-vsats>.

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## Further Information



### Application Page: Consumer and Business VSAT

<http://newproducts.newtec.eu/new-products/application/consumer-and-business-vsats>

In today's Satellite industry having a multi service platform covering the needs of consumers, small enterprises or larger institutions is key in maximizing revenues and mitigating risks.



### Application Page: Enterprise Connectivity

<http://newproducts.newtec.eu/new-products/application/enterprise-connectivity>

The success of today's enterprises highly depends on reliable and secure connectivity. Enterprise connectivity can exist between different branches, between a central office and geographically widespread points of activity and between an enterprise and the public internet.

## About Newtec

Newtec ([www.newtec.eu](http://www.newtec.eu)) is a global industry leader, shaping the future of satellite communications. Offering state-of-the-art products and scalable, integrated solutions for broadcast, broadband access and backbone and trunking applications, Newtec helps customers achieve greater efficiency, increase performance and expand market reach.

With its passionate commitment to R&D and its strong relationship with the European Space Agency (ESA), Newtec remains in the forefront of technological development, continuing the pioneering contributions that have led to industry standards including DVB, DVB-S2, DVB RCS and iSatTV Cenelec pr EN50478.

Newtec's worldwide customer base includes the industry's most prestigious broadcasters, satellite operators, telcos, systems houses and broadcasting unions. Established in 1985 and headquartered in Belgium, Newtec has regional offices as well as additional R&D centres located in Stamford, Conn. (U.S.), Singapore (Singapore), Beijing (China), Dubai (UAE), São Paulo (Brazil), Berlin (Germany) and France.

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## About NIGCOMSAT

The company Nigerian Communications Satellite Ltd. (NIGCOMSAT [www.nigcomsat.com](http://www.nigcomsat.com)) was incorporated on April 4, 2006 as a company under the auspices of the Federal Ministry of Communication Technology. Its mission is "to manage and exploit the commercial viability of the Nigerian Communication Satellite for the social economic benefit of the nation". It is charged with the management and operation of the first geostationary communications satellite in sub-Saharan Africa.

NIGCOMSAT aims to provide its customers with unsurpassed quality of service. By combining expertise, it provides, deploys and implements turnkey solutions ranging from Internet infrastructure, Voice over Internet protocol (VoIP), satellite communications, and wireless communications. NIGCOMSAT also provides a wide array of products to end-users, while building and servicing networks nationwide bench-marked against Internationally recognized best practice technologies.