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Globalstar De Mexico Selects Apex Solutions

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APEX Voice Communications, a leading supplier of enhanced services and billing solutions for network service providers worldwide, today announced that Globalstar de México, part of Globalstar's international consortium and the first satellite telephony service provider in Mexico, has selected the APEX Billing, Prepaid and Messaging Systems for its network, after evaluating some of the industry's leading solutions. In addition to increasing its current billing capacity, the APEX platforms will enable Globalstar to add prepaid calling and unified messaging to its service offerings, with unified messaging offered on both a prepaid and postpaid basis. The APEX platforms will integrate with Globalstar's existing SS7-based network.

"We selected the APEX platforms because they provided virtually all the functionality we required—real-time billing, multiple rating schemes, detailed reporting and SMS messaging capabilities, to name a few, at an affordable price," explained Adrian Gutierrez, senior project manager for Globalstar de México. "We researched other carrier-grade solutions, but when considering functionality, flexibility and price, no other platform could compare."

"The APEX solution corresponds perfectly to what Globalstar de México required. Our platforms are open and can easily integrate with their existing infrastructure. APEX Billing and Prepaid offer real-time billing capabilities and a wide choice of modules and features, while APEX Messaging allows them to offer new revenue-generating services," said Elhum Vahdat, executive vice president of APEX Voice Communications. "Globalstar is a leader in satellite telephony, and we are honored that Globalstar de México has chosen an APEX solution to help them realize their goal of quadrupling their traffic in the next year."

The APEX Billing, Prepaid and Messaging Systems are part of APEX Voice Communications' comprehensive suite of open enhanced services solutions. All platforms are based on a distributed architecture, are fully scalable and have a modular design to allow new services and features to be added at any time. APEX Billing and Prepaid provide complete call processing and real-time debit accounting capabilities, flexible call rating in different currencies, internationalization and localization features and an interface to the Cisco VCO/4K open programmable switch for a redundant switch-based solution with unlimited scalability. APEX Messaging is a unified voice, fax and e-mail solution with a unified message store that can be accessed by virtually any device—phone, PC, PDA, WAP-enabled device, etc. APEX Messaging can integrate into existing e-mail systems that support Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) and Internet Messaging Access Protocol 4 (IMAP4), and can also be deployed with APEX Billing or APEX Prepaid Systems. Both APEX Prepaid and APEX Messaging have an embedded graphical service creation environment to enable developers to quickly modify the service-ready applications or develop and deploy completely new services.

About Globalstar

Globalstar is a consortium of leading international telecommunications companies originally established in 1991 to deliver satellite telephony services through a network of exclusive service providers. Now operating in approximately 122 countries, Globalstar was the first satellite telephony service provider to offer services to the entire Republic of Mexico. Globalstar's mobile phones function as both cellular and satellite phones, allowing subscribers to place phone calls from virtually anywhere. Globalstar helps organizations increase