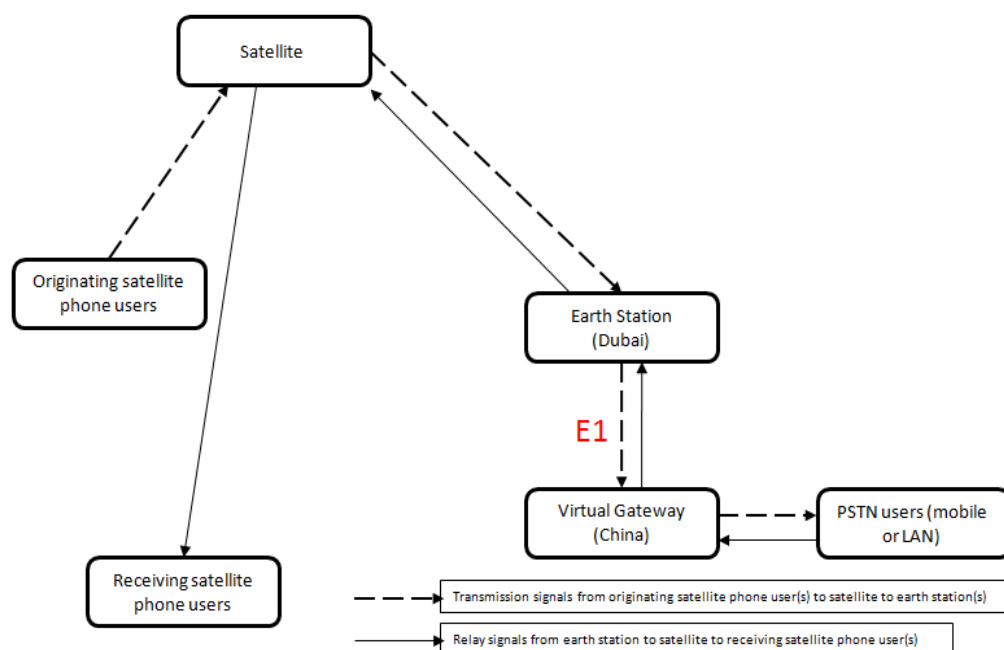


## Armarda's associate CMSCG to increase mobile satellite airtime capacity through hiring of at least one more E1 line

- Rapidly increasing airtime usage by subscribers since launch of '1349' mobile satellite service in early April
- Successful partnership between Thuraya, CMSCG and CTS lead to rapidly increasing airtime usage

Singapore, 24 July 2013 – China Mobile Satellite Communications Group Limited ("CMSCG" or "the Group"), announced today that the Group is going to increase its calling capacity by hiring at least one more E1 line. This is in line with the Group's 15 July 2013 announcement of rapidly increasing usage of mobile satellite airtime via its '1349' service.



CMSCG has launched its '1349' mobile satellite SIM cards in early April this year together with China Telecom Satellite ("CTS"), a subsidiary of China Telecommunications Corporation.

As part of their joint marketing efforts, CMSCG and CTS are promoting Thuraya mobile satellite handsets and mobile satellite airtime services to key Chinese distributors.

As stated in the announcement dated 15 July 2013, in June 2013, CMSCG achieved a more than two fold increase in

mobile satellite airtime of over 30,000 minutes by its subscribers, as compared to approximately 14,000 minutes recorded in May 2013. Based on Thuraya's technical team's recommendation, CMSCG will increase its mobile satellite bandwidth to accommodate the rapid airtime usage growth from its subscribers.

CMSCG will be hiring an additional E1 line to their current mobile satellite connection to regulate satellite airtime capacity between the Thuraya-owned satellites and the virtual gateway used by CMSCG to provide secure satellite airtime services to its China-based enterprise user base.

**Jimmy Zhang, Chief Executive Officer of CMSCG** commented on the announcement, “Since the launch of the sales of 1349 SIM cards in early May, we had received positive responses to Thuraya’s products and services, which provide network connectivity in the remote areas not being covered by conventional cellular networks. This has lead to the rapidly increasing mobile satellite airtime usage by our enterprise subscriber base. With our rapidly increasing airtime usage, our existing single E1 line will soon be insufficient. As such, we are hiring at least one more E1 line which will double our mobile satellite airtime capacity.

Going forward, we hope to continue to increase our handset and SIM card sales, which will in turn drive our mobile satellite airtime sales. We envisage demand for our mobile satellite phones and airtime in China to continue to grow rapidly through our successful partnership with CTS and Thuraya.”

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### **About China Mobile Satellite Communications Group Limited**

China Mobile Satellite Communications Group Limited (“CMSCG”) was formed in 2010 and has entered into an exclusive agreement with Thuraya Telecommunications Company (“Thuraya”) to distribute the mobile satellite communication services and products of Thuraya in China. CMSCG will sell and distribute the Thuraya mobile satellite communication hardware and provide voice and data services to the nascent Chinese market.

45% equity interests of China Satellite Mobile Communication Group Limited (“CSMCG”), the wholly owned parent company of CMSCG, has been acquired by Singapore-listed Armarda Group Limited (“Armarda”) on 21 March 2012. Armarda has been listed in the Catalist board of Singapore since 2004.

### **About Thuraya Telecommunications Company**

Thuraya Telecommunications Company (“Thuraya”) is a world-leading mobile satellite service provider of voice, data, maritime, rural telephony, fleet management and other telecommunication solutions, reaching out to remote areas of the world. Thuraya provides mobile satellite communications to over 140 countries around the globe, employing a congestion-free network that now covers most part of the world, including Asia, Australia, Africa, the Middle East and Europe.

### **About China Telecom Satellite Communications Co. Ltd**

China Telecom Satellite Communications Co. Ltd, which is owned by China Telecommunications Corporation (China Telecom), was established in April 2009. Its major services include satellite mobile communications, VSAT communications, international private line and satellite broadband access (IPSTAR System).

Dedicated to satellite communications services, China Telecom Satellite Communications Co. Ltd, as a wholly-owned subsidiary of China Telecom, specializes in the operation of its parent corporation’s satellite communications and undertakes the task of guaranteeing the emergency communications. It serves as the resource center, product integration center and professional support center of China Telecom’s satellite communications business.

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