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Mobile Satellite Users Association Announces 2018 Board of Directors and Kicks Off Its 2018 Satellite Mobility Innovation Awards Contest

MSUA Enters New Year with Record Number of New and Returning Members and Welcomes Isotropic Networks as the Newest Corporate Member of 2018

McLean, Va., January 25, 2018 – [Mobile Satellite Users Association](#) (MSUA) today announced its 2018 Board of Directors and the start of this year's Satellite Mobility Innovation Awards Challenge. MSUA is a nonprofit association dedicated to promoting satellite mobility innovation and development of the satellite mobility market worldwide. The association fosters the exchange of news, information and ideas among mobility providers and users including those focused on communications, navigation, safety and other evolving new applications.

"MSUA is off to a strong start with our newly elected 2018 Board of Directors and a record number of 29 member companies – 12 new and 17 returning -- dedicated to collaborating in support of satellite mobility innovation and market development," said **Catherine Melquist, president of MSUA**. "We're also expecting a strong turnout of entrants in this year's Satellite Mobility Innovation Award Contest representing the industry's most creative service and delivery offerings designed uniquely for mobile aero, maritime, land, IOT and government mobile end users."

Representing a diverse mix of mobility market leaders, the 2018 MSUA Board of Directors includes, (*in alphabetical order*):

- **Rebecca Cowen-Hirsch**, Senior Vice President, Government Strategy & Policy, US Government Business Unit, Inmarsat
- **Lisa Dreher**, Director of Marketing, Kymeta
- **Erwan Emilian**, Executive Vice President Enterprise & Emerging Markets, Speedcast Group
- **Kim Bille Gram**, Vice President, New Business Development, Cobham SATCOM
- **Geoff Hall**, Chief Executive (Owner), Cedarwood Associates International (CAI)
- **Todd Hill**, Senior Director, Satellite Services, Panasonic
- **Mark N Lewellen**, Manager of Spectrum Advocacy, John Deere
- **Matthew Mohebbi**, Vice President and General Manager, Mobile Satellite Systems Division, Hughes Network Systems
- **Mark Sykes**, Director, Applied Satellite Technology (AST)
- **Joel Thompson**, Vice President and General Manager, Terrestrial Business Unit, Iridium Satellite LLC
- **John Stolte**, Executive Vice President, Technology and Operations, ORBCOMM
- **Kevin M. West**, Chief Commercial Officer, COMSAT



New members joining the association during this past 12 months include: Isotropic Networks, SES Government, iDirect Government, Globecom, OneWeb, Panasonic, Thales, Phasor, MVS, CLS America, Comsat and Clarke Belt 2.0. Returning members include: AST, Cobham, Globalsat Group, Globalstar, Hughes, Inmarsat, Intelsat, Iridium, Kymeta, Mackay, Marlink, Navcom/John Deere, Orbcomm, Roadpost, Speedcast, Thuraya and Viasat. The association also depends upon the support of a number of individual members.

MSUA's Satellite Mobility Innovation Awards Program and Luncheon will take place on Tuesday March 13, during SATELLITE 2018 with award winners to be announced at the event. This year's keynote topic will be "Satellite Mobility and the 5G Opportunity" to be presented by David Howgill, President of Huckworthy. All interested parties are invited to attend the event. Sign-up when registering for SATELLITE 2018.

About MSUA

The Mobile Satellite Users Association is a non-profit association dedicated to promoting satellite mobility innovation and development of the satellite mobility market worldwide. The association fosters the exchange of news, information and ideas among mobility providers and users including those focused on communications, navigation, safety and other evolving new applications.

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