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# Comstar And Airspan Launch WiMAX Network In Armenia

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Comstar's WiMAX (News - Alert) communications network powered by Airspan Networks equipment was launched in Yerevan, the capital city of Armenia in an official ceremony. Airspan specializes in WiMAX-based broadband wireless access networks. Comstar's CEO presented Airspan's MiMAX Q-Series USB devices to Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and President of Armenia, Serge Sarkisyan.

Comstar has deployed Airspan's WiMAX equipment for creating a combined fixed and mobile network. The network includes 24 base stations encompassing Yerevan and 18 more cities. This network will provide Armenian residents and businesses with high-speed Internet, VoIP, video conferencing and mobile services.

The Presidents of both the countries took part in a real-time two-way video conferencing with a medical diagnostics center and they were given insight into a pilot deployment for mobile WiMAX in the city of Armavir. Airspan's EasyST indoor subscriber stations support the video link and mobile deployment which are enabled by Mobile WiMAX.

Sergey Pridantsev, President and Chief Executive Officer of Comstar UTS, explained: "This national WiMAX network is a unique project for Armenia, and one of the first projects of its kind worldwide. Airspan was able to supply us with a superior solution to meet our requirements, enabling us to deliver modern communications services that help improve quality of life as well as bring telephony services and broadband internet access to some homes for the first time ever."

Anders Rendahl, Airspan's Senior vice president and general manager EMEA expressed his satisfaction on partnering with Comstar in this remarkable project. The attendance of the Presidents of Russia and Armenia to this ceremony highlighted the importance of the life-changing effects a network such as this can have on a country like Armenia.

"We look forward to further expansion of the Comstar network in 2009 and to continuing to help revolutionize fixed and mobile communications in this important and growing economy," added Rendahl.

Comstar-United TeleSystems JSC provides fixed-line telecommunications services in Moscow. Comstar offers voice, data, television and more value-added services to both residential and corporate subscribers and operators. Comstar utilizes its extensive backbone network and last mile access to provide telecommunications services to 97 percent of the residences in Moscow.

Comstar offers communications services in five Russian regions, Armenia and Ukraine. Comstar serves more than 3.6 million residential subscribers and 783 thousand residential broadband internet subscribers in Moscow. It also has over 49 thousand residential regional and international broadband internet subscribers.

Airspan is a WiMAX pure player selected by several mobile WiMAX deployments around the world. The company has more than 100 commercial WiMAX deployments

world wide besides a network of resellers and agents besides offices in Asia, EMEA and America.

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