



Aviat Networks Opens New Office Location in Dubai Media City

SANTA CLARA, Calif., April 23, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Aviat Networks, Inc. (NASDAQ: AVNW), a leading expert in microwave networking solutions, today announced its new office in Dubai Media City to better support its wireless customers and expand the microwave backhaul business in the Middle East. Aviat Networks moved its facilities to this leading business center of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to take advantage of the thriving mobile and wireless market.

As part of its upgraded facilities in Dubai Media City, Aviat Networks is pleased to announce its new learning center. The new learning center will be used to host customer-requested and internal training sessions, as well as scheduled seminars on specific topics of interest in wireless backhaul.

"Operating our Middle East and North Africa activities from a regional center in Dubai enables us to stay close to our customers and offer quick, proactive attention to their concerns for wireless backhaul solutions and services," says Karl Osswald, general manager, Aviat Networks, Dubai. "With several of the world's largest and fastest growing mobile operators based in or near the Gulf, we see the potential for the wireless and mobile markets here to be very robust over the long term. This overall trend of growth in the region's wireless markets will help Aviat Networks continue to build our very successful business model here."

In fact, independent sources have forecast that mobile communications uptake in the Middle East region will grow substantially from now through 2016. According to Informa Telecoms & Media estimates, countries such as the UAE and Saudi Arabia will achieve smartphone penetration rates of more than 70 percent and 48 percent, respectively, by the end of 2016. This is up from 47 percent and 25 percent at the end of 2011. In addition, Informa says that total mobile subscriptions in the Middle East will exceed 250 million in 2012. In another report, the Connect Arab Summit 2012 says that the overall penetration rate for all mobile devices in the region stood at 97 percent at the end of 2011, due mainly to increased competition in regional countries.

"Aviat Networks has found a very receptive regional home in Dubai due both to the general corporate climate and the business-friendly environment," Osswald says. "These factors along with favorable market conditions are encouraging us to deepen our penetration into the Gulf region as well as other nearby Middle East, African and South Asia countries."

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About Aviat Networks

Aviat Networks, Inc. is a leader in microwave networking solutions. We apply innovation and IP networking expertise toward building a carrier class foundation for future mobile and fixed broadband networks. With more than 750,000 systems installed around the world, Aviat Networks has built a reputation as a leader in offering best-of-breed solutions including LTE-proven microwave backhaul and a complete portfolio of service and support options to public and private telecommunications operators worldwide. With a global reach and local presence in more than 46 countries, Aviat Networks works by the side of its customers allowing them to quickly and cost effectively seize new market and service opportunities. Aviat Networks is headquartered in Santa Clara, California, and listed on NASDAQ (AVNW). For more information about the company, please visit: www.aviatnetworks.com.

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