



## **Wataniya Telecom, Maldives Chooses Harris Stratex Networks for Significant Expansion Projects Across the Island Nation**

### **Fastest growing operator in the Maldives embarking on core network upgrade**

**RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, North Carolina, June 17, 2008** – Harris Stratex Networks, Inc. (NASDAQ: HSTX), the leading independent supplier of turnkey wireless transmission and network assurance solutions, has been selected by Wataniya Telecom Maldives to upgrade its core transmission network to provide multiple SDH trunks across the island paradise. As part of the contract, Harris Stratex Networks will supply the new TRuepoint® 6500 ultra-high capacity, carrier-class all-indoor radio, together with network consulting and turnkey services, taking responsibility for the complete upgrade of the network. As the answer to Wataniya's core network transmission needs driven by their new 3G+ network, the Harris Stratex solution will provide more than three times the current capacity, with the option to extend this to seven times the current capacity.

Harris Stratex Networks introduced TRuepoint 6500 to enable operators to meet fast-growing capacity requirements at the core of the network—where network availability is vital. TRuepoint 6500 is an extremely robust architecture for SDH trunking and N+1 protection with multiple levels of hardware redundancy and anticipatory radio path protection. Further, the high performance TRuepoint 6500 radio design provides the ability to reduce tower loading through smaller antenna sizes, eliminate repeater sites by reaching further, and save on power plant and building facilities—all critically important to the Wataniya network across the Maldives.

With the TRuepoint 6500, a complete Harris Stratex Networks ProVision® Element Management System (EMS) will be installed for Wataniya, providing advanced monitoring and control of the complete microwave network and associated devices. A critical part of the Harris Stratex Networks solution is the comprehensive range of services provided, including network design, equipment logistics, installation, commissioning, and detailed operator and maintenance training.

“Wataniya Maldives is committed to providing new and innovative services to our customers. Harris Stratex Networks was able to offer the equipment and installation services necessary for Wataniya Maldives to deliver on that commitment,” said Mr. Abraham Smith, Chief Operating Officer of Wataniya Telecom Maldives. “We are excited to work with Harris Stratex Networks in developing a transmission network which will support the high speed data needs of our new 3G+ network, and deliver the speed and reliability that our consumer, business, and government customers deserve.”

“Wataniya Telecom Maldives has our total commitment,” said Raj Kumar, vice president, Asia Pacific Sales and Services, Harris Stratex Networks. “We understand their requirements and appreciate the need for a robust high-capacity core network and that’s why we are supplying our new TRuepoint 6500 products, together with our experienced service offerings.”

#### **About Wataniya Telecom**

Launched in 1999, Wataniya Telecom is a leading mobile phone operator in the Middle East and North Africa, serving more than three million customers in Kuwait, Tunisia, Iraq, Algeria and Saudi Arabia. Wataniya Telecom Maldives was issued a licence as a new mobile phone operator in February 2005. For more information, visit [www.wataniya.mv](http://www.wataniya.mv).

#### **About Harris Stratex Networks, Inc.**

Harris Stratex Networks, Inc. is the world's leading independent supplier of turnkey wireless transmission solutions. The company offers reliable, flexible and scalable wireless network solutions, backed by comprehensive professional services and support. Harris Stratex Networks serves all global markets, including mobile network operators, public safety agencies, private network operators, utility and transportation companies, government agencies and broadcasters. Customers in more than 135 countries depend on Harris Stratex Networks to build, expand and upgrade their voice, data and video solutions. Harris Stratex Networks is recognised around the world for innovative, best-in-class wireless networking solutions and services. For more information, visit [www.HarrisStratex.com](http://www.HarrisStratex.com).

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