



## **LBISAT LAUNCHES IDIRECT-BASED SATELLITE IP COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE FOR UTILITIES**

***VSAT network provides reliable broadband connectivity to rural substations to meet industry regulations and support smart grid and green energy initiatives***

***Herndon, Va., May 23, 2010*** – VT iDirect, Inc. (iDirect), a company of VT Systems Inc. (VT Systems), today announced that LBISat, a U.S.-based satellite communications provider, has launched a satellite IP service designed to help utility companies meet industry regulations and improve their operational costs. Based on the iDirect Evolution platform, the service equips utility companies with two-way, broadband connectivity to support a broad range of applications from monitoring unmanned electrical substations and power generation facilities to expanding automatic data collection from rural customers. iDirect is a world leader in satellite-based IP communications technology.

With LBISat's satellite broadband service, utility companies gain a more reliable network solution to monitor SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) devices, with the ability to extend broadband applications such as video surveillance, VoIP and corporate data access to remote substations. The satellite service can also be leveraged by utility companies to manage green energy sites located deep into remote geographies where terrestrial networks are not readily accessible and to support the real-time monitoring of energy load distribution across every substation and customer location.

*“Recent advancements have transformed satellite connectivity into an affordable and highly reliable transport technology, which today can cost less than a typical DSL line. Utility companies are discovering that satellite communications has a unique and important role to play in advancing their smart grid business initiatives. Our investment in iDirect’s leading IP platform enables LBISat to deliver the best possible service to the utility industry at an attractive price.”*

***~ Rodger LYMAN  
President and CEO, LBISat***



*“The critical function of energy and utility communication networks requires the highest possible reliability, even in the most remote and challenging locations. LBiSat has a reputation for delivering high availability satellite-based services where they operate.*

*They are an ideal partner for utility companies that want to extend the capabilities of their SCADA networks and expand their smart grid and green energy initiatives.”*

**~ Rob KILROY  
Regional Vice President, Americas, iDirect**

iDirect will showcase its satellite communications platform and demonstrate how it can help utility companies advance their business operations at the Utilities Telecom Council (UTC) 2010 conference and exhibition in Indianapolis, Indiana, May 23-26, 2010. Please visit iDirect at booth #505.

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**LBiSat LLC** is a leader in the satellite communications industry with more than 25 years of experience. With a full-service teleport in South Jordan, Utah, LBiSat is able to offer both shared network and dedicated capacity satellite services. LBiSat provides seamless global coverage, supplying voice, video and data services via satellite. LBiSat currently provides products and services in more than 100 countries. For more information, visit [www.lbisat.com](http://www.lbisat.com)

**iDirect**, a subsidiary of VT Systems, is transforming the way the world gets and stays connected. The company’s satellite-based IP communications technology enables constant connectivity for voice, video and data applications in diverse and challenging environments. These include extending private networks to remote offices; supporting mobile connectivity across land, sea and air; providing rural telephony and Internet broadband; and maintaining communications in the wake of disasters and network failures. The iDirect Intelligent Platform™ integrates advanced technology into iDirect’s portfolio of hubs, routers and network management software to address the growing complexity of deploying and managing global IP networks. With more than 13 years of global satellite communications experience, iDirect serves customers in 50 countries through a diverse network of channel partners, including some of the largest satellite providers, operators and carriers in the world and seven of the World Teleport Association’s Global Top Ten. Headquartered in Herndon, Virginia, iDirect has offices in Europe, Asia, Middle East, Africa and Latin America. Please visit [www.idirect.net](http://www.idirect.net).

**VT Systems** is a diversified company providing solutions to the commercial and government markets in the aerospace, electronics, land systems and marine sectors. VT Systems products and services include aircraft inspection, maintenance and modification; software solutions in training and simulation; satellite-based IP communications technology; network solutions that integrate data, voice and video;



rugged computers and computer peripheral equipment; specialized truck bodies and trailers; weapons and munitions systems; road construction equipment; and shipbuilding. Headquartered in Alexandria, Va., VT Systems operates globally and is a wholly owned subsidiary of ST Engineering. Please visit [www.vt-systems.com](http://www.vt-systems.com).

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