Thales' First Responder Multiband Radio Receives DOI Fire Approval

CLARKSBURG, Md., August 2, 2011 – Thales Communications, Inc. announces that its Liberty™ Multiband Land Mobile Radio (LMR) has successfully completed Fire radio testing by the U.S. Department of Interior (DOI) Radio Technical Service Center (TSC) test lab and by the National Interagency Fire Center. Having previously received TSC approvals for Law Enforcement and Tiers 1, 2, and 3, the Liberty radio is now fully approved for sale to DOI. The Liberty LMR's Project 25 Over-the-Air-Rekey has also been completed and successfully tested by TSC, adding capabilities for the Law Enforcement Tier.

The Liberty LMR is a software-defined radio solution that enables interoperability across all public safety bands (136-174, 380-520, 700, 800 MHz), linking government agencies and first responders with a single portable radio. It operates in Project 25 (P25) conventional, P25 trunked, and legacy analog modes with Output Feedback Data Encryption Standard (OFB DES) and Advanced Encryption Standard (AES). The radio is Mil Spec rugged and submersible to two meters. Other key features significant for DOI include Front Panel Programming, Zone Cloning, a AA Clamshell Battery for operation where power is not available, and Tone Picklists. The radio, which was Factory Mutual certified Intrinsic Safe earlier this year, is manufactured at the company's Clarksburg, Maryland, headquarters.

"DOI Fire and Law Enforcement personnel now have a fully-approved, multiband radio," said Michael Sheehan, President and CEO of Thales Communications, Inc. "The Liberty radio is a complete solution and is in the field today serving our nation's first responders."

For participating DOI and U.S. Department of Agriculture agencies and bureaus (including the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Forest Service, Geologic Service, and Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services), the Liberty LMR is available through contract number GS-TFMG-BPA-09-0012. For additional product and purchase information, visit www.thalesliberty.com.

About Thales Communications, Inc.

Thales Communications, Inc. (www.thalescomminc.com) is a global leader in the development of reliable, software-defined radio equipment and solutions. The company serves the ground, naval, airborne, and homeland security domains with tactical electronic equipment and information systems that address the technological and environmental challenges presented in real-world situations—especially those with size, weight, and power constraints. A U.S. proxy company (100% American), Thales Communications, Inc. is part of Thales (www.thalesgroup.com), a global technology leader for the Defense & Security and the Aerospace & Transport markets. In 2010, Thales generated revenues of €13.1 billion (equivalent of $17.3 billion) with 68,000 employees in 50 countries.

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