Viasat's VISION Software Passes Critical Test to Support Upgraded NATO Satellite Control Stations

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CARLSBAD, Calif., Aug. 7, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Viasat Inc. (NASDAQ: VSAT), a global communications company, announced today its Commercial off-the-Shelf (COTS) Visual Integrated Satellite Communications Information, Operation and Networking (VISION) software has successfully passed the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) First Article System Test (FAST). With Viasat VISION passing FAST, NATO can expedite the roll-out of its Ultra High Frequency (UHF) satellite communications (SATCOM) modernization efforts.

Under a contract awarded in January 2018, NATO will upgrade its legacy UHF communications network to Viasat's VISION planning and network management platform, the first commercially-available software package to simultaneously support all 25-kHz legacy Demand-Assigned Multiple-Access (DAMA) and next-generation Integrated Waveform (IW) networks and services.

"The successful completion of FAST for Viasat's VISION software represents a significant milestone. It confirms that Viasat's VISION platform meets critical requirements for the NATO UHF SATCOM modernization project," said the Network Services and IT Infrastructure - SATCOM Service Area representative from NATO Communications and Information Agency. "We look forward to full operational capability of the system in early 2019."

"Our VISION software is key to providing warfighters with assured, reliable, real-time communications to enhance mission effectiveness at the tactical edge," said Ken Peterman, president, Government Systems, Viasat. "Successful completion of FAST requirements is a necessary step to expediting delivery of the software to provide NATO forces with greater communications interoperability, scalability and flexibility across legacy and next-generation platforms, further enhancing situational awareness as the battlespace dynamically expands."

The Viasat VISION platform provides a single, user-friendly network management interface for legacy DAMA and IW services, inclusive of the ability to locally or remotely manage and control ground station networks, monitor status and system performance, track event/alarm management situations and add/remove services when missions change. By enabling interoperability between DAMA and IW platforms, NATO can double its channel efficiency without additional investment in the UHF space segment. This optimization doubles the number of users, giving more warfighters access to reliable, high-quality, resilient voice and data communications.

For more information about Viasat's VISION platform, please visit our website.

About Viasat
Viasat is a global communications company that believes everyone and everything in the world can be connected. For more than 30 years, Viasat has helped shape how consumers, businesses, governments and militaries around the world communicate. Today, the Company is developing the ultimate global communications network to power high-quality, secure, affordable, fast connections to impact people's lives anywhere they are—on the ground, in the air or at sea. To learn more about Viasat, visit: www.viasat.com, go to Viasat's Corporate Blog, or follow the Company on social media at: Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter or YouTube.

Forward-Looking Statements
This press release contains forward-looking statements that are subject to the safe harbors created under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Forward looking statements include statements about the timing and expected benefits of NATO's upgrade to the Viasat VISION platform. Readers are cautioned that actual results could differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ include: risks associated with the UHF network, including the effect of any anomaly, operational failure or degradation in UHF satellite or ground segment performance, and the Company's ability to realize the anticipated benefits of its VISION platform. In addition, please refer to the risk factors contained in Viasat's SEC filings available at www.sec.gov, including Viasat's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date on which they are made. Viasat undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements for any reason.

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