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Hughes Systique Corporation Achieves SEI CMMI Level 5, the highest rating against CMMI-Development model

Gurgaon, India, June 11th, 2012 – Hughes Systique Corporation (HSC) today announced that it has been appraised at CMMI maturity Level 5, the highest possible rating under the SEI CMMI (version 1.3) framework. Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI) of Carnegie Mellon Software Engineering Institute (SEI) is an internationally recognised and industry accepted standard for Software development practices.

Attaining the highest maturity level rating propels HSC into an elite group of high maturity level 5 companies in the world. This achievement signifies that HSC systems and processes for design, development, deployment and maintenance of software are best in class.

CMMI appraisal was conducted in accordance with SCAMPI Class A version 1.3. The appraisal team was led by an SEI-authorized CMMI High Maturity Lead Appraiser, Dr. Rajiv Nag of KPMG. The scope of work appraised included development (using traditional and agile methodologies), enhancement and maintenance of systems and applications in the communications domain. The appraisal involved extensive reviews of deployment evidences and series of interviews with sampled projects and areas such as SQA, SEPG, metrics, training, procurement and senior management. The final results were announced after the SEI completed its audit process on the appraisal results.

Vinod Sood, Managing Director of Hughes Systique said, “CMMI level 5 fully aligns with our business goals of customer satisfaction, productivity improvement, estimation effectiveness and predictable execution”. Tarun Singhal, Head of Engineering added, “Use of quantitative methods for project management provides us a definite edge in consistently executing and continuously improving our delivery process”. Hemanta Chandra Bhatt, Quality Head, further added “CMMI level 5 signifies an important milestone in our journey

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towards continually maturing our internal systems and processes. Leveraging a highly recognized industry framework like CMMI has benefited us tremendously”.

The level 5 rating demonstrates strong commitment of Hughes Systique towards process maturity and assures direct benefits to its customer in terms of delivery excellence. This also ensures that the system and processes of Hughes Systique are sustainable, reliable, flexible and ever-improving. The systems and processes at Hughes Systique are encapsulated in its business management system (BMS) which is aligned with its customer needs, business context and benchmarked against industry standards such as ISO 9001, ISO 27001 and CMMI for Development.

For more information about Hughes Systique systems and processes, visit:

<http://www.hsc.com/tabid/69/Default.aspx>

About Hughes Systique Corporation

Hughes Systique Corporation (HSC), part of the Hughes group of companies, is a leading communications consulting and software company. HSC provides Consulting, Systems Architecture, Software Engineering and Testing services to complement the client's in-house capabilities. HSC's "Best Shore" model coupled with an experienced management and technical team is capable of delivering a total solution to customers, from development to deployment of complex systems, thus reducing time, risk and cost. HSC is a CMMI Level 5, ISO 9001:2008 and ISO 27001:2005 certified company. For more information visit www.hsc.com or send an email to info@hsc.com.

About Hughes Network Systems

Hughes Network Systems, LLC (Hughes) is the world's leading provider of satellite broadband for home and office, delivering innovative network technologies, managed services, and solutions for enterprises and governments globally. HughesNet is the #1 high-speed satellite

Internet service in the marketplace, with offerings to suit every budget. To date, Hughes has shipped more than 2.8 million systems to customers in over 100 countries, representing over 50 percent market share. Its products employ global standards approved by the TIA, ETSI and ITU organizations, including IPoS/DVB-S2, RSM-A, and GMR-1.

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