

Information about type approvals, and those products that have already been tested, will be a centrepiece of the CABSAT 2013 programme

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“At CABSAT, we will launch the GVF initiative. It is a process of benchmarking purely for the satcom sector. From areas such as installation to earth station operations and beyond, we are preparing documents that will spell out the criteria for quality. Domain knowledge specialists, who are veterans in various areas of satcom deployment and technology will be empanelled with the GVF and they will be available to conduct audits.

“Companies can apply for benchmarking in multiple areas depending on their range

of activities. The thorough audit conducted will include past history among other factors. Once they meet the criteria set by the GVF, they will receive certification for a period of 24 months. If companies are not up to the mark either in terms of equipment used or training of manpower etc., we will recommend measures and conduct an audit at a future date. Companies thus certified will be featured in an online database

allowing for satellite operators and other global service providers to contact them. Companies will also be evaluated on their staff strength and commercial standing, so as to give global providers a transparent format to evaluate competencies.

“We believe that the certification process will heighten the need for quality and as a byproduct, network design will improve and interference will reduce and enhance the general acceptability for satellite-based connectivity. Secondly, large satellite operators will be able to function more effectively with certified partners in various regions as compared to flying down their technical resources in case a link goes down.”

## The GVF MenaSat Summit @ CABSAT 2013

The MenaSat @ CABSAT Satellite Summit,

presented by GVF in cooperation with DWTC as part of the CABSAT exhibition will span the entire week from March 11 – 15, 2013.

‘The High-Capacity Satellite Summit’ will take place on March 13. The programme will provide the satellite, and wider communications industry, an opportunity to engage on advanced satellite system topics including:

High-Capacity/Throughput Satellites

High-Capacity Satellites

Capacity Solution

Capacity Equipment Manufacture Context

Capacity Environment

Capacity Satellite

On March 14, ‘The Satellite Interference Prevention Summit’, will be held in collaboration with IRG (the satellite Interference Reduction Group), where delegates will learn about the challenges of satellite interference specific to the MENA region, and better understand both the causes and possible solutions, as well as contribute to the discussions. It will cover:

the Move” - Auto-Deploy Systems - Ka-band

Ultra-Small Aperture VSAT - Maritime Stabilised VSAT Platforms - Aeronautical VSAT Systems)

Validation

Other GVF events during the week include:

Training Briefing’, Dubai Jebel Ali Free Zone training facility

Jamming Roundtable’

Ali Free Zone training facility