

News Briefs

Quicklink to embrace High Definition

In response to customer demands, Quicklink News Broadcast and News Warehouse systems have been upgraded to ingest, compress and play out High Definition content. The Quicklink HD module is designed to operate on the same basis and retain the simplicity of use and all of the functionality of its Standard Definition products.

Quicklink's technical director, Richard Rees, states that the incorporation of HD content into Quicklink's products has been reached without significant changes to the overall look and feel of the product.

In fact, HD processing has been achieved by simply adding an HD option to the existing Quicklink's Content Capture, Play Out, Transcoding and Management Modules while also preserving the ingestion compression and transmission functionality of Quicklink's Standard Definition products.



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GigaSat set to dominate region's satellite market

Although the UK-based manufacturer is most famous for its range of ultra light weight carbon fibre flyaway systems, more and more Middle East customers are now turning to GigaSat for the supply of outside broadcast/satellite news-gathering vehicles.

In recent months, Al Jazeera Satellite Channel, Sudan TV, ORTAS (Syrian TV), Kuwait MOI and Al Rai TV (Kuwait) have all chosen GigaSat to handle the turnkey provision of their satellite vehicles, making it one of the leading satellite systems suppliers in the Middle East region.

These successes have largely been due to a range of driveaway uplink systems introduced by GigaSat at the start of 2005. The new DA-Series uplink systems are available with 1.0m, 1.5m, 1.8m or 2.4m reflectors and in all frequency bands making them suitable for virtually any mobile uplink require-

ment. As with the company's flyaway systems, the DA-series relies on carbon fibre composite technology to provide its advantage. With virtually no metal in the construction, these monocoque design antenna pods are around 30% lighter than comparable products and this can be extremely important when trying to meet weight budgets on a small OB van.

GigaSat will be showing the DA-150 1.5m driveaway for the first time at CABSAT along with the latest iteration of the FA-100, 1.0m Bantam 'checked baggage' flyaway system. The company's managing director, Chris Lay and regional sales director, Dr Fares Lubbadah will be at the show to answer visitors' queries.

GTSC begins i-direct services in the region

As part of phase one, which Global Telecom Services Company (GTSC) has completed, the com-

pany will operate its own 5 IF i-direct HUB, which will provide i-direct services to the Middle East and North Africa on Ku Band. The second phase will be to provide the services on C-Band and cover the whole of Africa.

Technosat puts Digital Satellite Receiver in the limelight

Technosat, a major manufacturer and wholesaler of satellite receivers and equipment in the Middle East, is introducing a Digital Satellite Receiver with DVD player called DRS 1000 at this CABSAT. DRS 1000 is a satellite receiver combined with a DVD player and recorder. General features of the receiver include an embedded slot to watch specific pay TV channels, slot for burn type TV channels, slot to turn DVD directly from the TV, camcorder or security camera and playback DVD, VCD, 2.0, SCG, Audio CDs, Photo CDs, or MP 3 CDs.

Harris woos region with entire product range

Harris Corporation, which is coming to the CABSAT exhibition for the first time, will be highlighting its entire range of HD/SD compliant products

Harris Corporation will have the first showing in the Middle East of its HD/SD compliant products at CABSAT. The showcase includes the latest developments in the server platform technology, automation and asset management systems, airtime sales, routing, processing and conversion, master control, graphics and test and measurement.

Highlights include a fully customisable, multi-format test and measurement console. The new VTM series contains standard features like waveform monitor, vectorscope, gamut, audio, picture monitor and the patented Q-See adjustable display. It can be configured with HD/SD, SD, and Composite Analogue inputs and can monitor up to



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four input sources simultaneously. Harris will also showcase a new family of graphics products known as the G-Series. The flagship product of the G-Series family is the Inscribe G3, an HD/SD selectable character generator (CG) system. The G3 offers customers a wide variety of key functionality including MOS and automation interfaces, real-time animation and 3D FlyBy, multiple format clips, and Over-Lay

which enables elements like clocks, timers, tickers and time/temperature bugs to remain visible while messages and pages are being changed. An added benefit is that customised and third-party applications, such as news tickers and school closings, can also run simultaneously on the G3. Building further on its legacy of broadcast automation, Harris will showcase Invenio, a scalable and intuitive Digital Asset Manage-

ment (DAM) platform that suits a variety of industry applications and workflows, which can be integrated with the ADC and D-Series automation systems, or on a stand-alone basis. Two key media business systems will be shown: Vision Global, an integrated programme management and airtime sales system and Landmark II, an advanced solution for the management of complex air time campaigns. Other products on display will include Leitch's Velocity editing software with its Nexio server line, the ICON-MASTER, Broadcast Master, the Platinum line of multi-format routing switches, the new XHD series and the OPTO+ range of fibre optics products.

TSL highlights Tallyman at broadcast show

TSL will be showing at CABSAT 2006 for the first time the latest version of TallyMan, its tally and UMD system. TallyMan replaces TSL's WinSoft in a wider variety of configurations, including a new low-cost, entry-level configuration. TallyMan is now available in both 1RU and 2RU self-contained controllers - the TM1 and TM2. The new controllers, which run TallyMan as an embedded real-time application, offer greater connectivity and flexibility. TallyMan offers studio control in a box with power for the UMDs, serial ports to integrate with multi-viewers, routers, vision mixers and alarm systems and parallel connections for tally input and output.

CABSAT will also see the regional debut of TSL's Dolby and HD capable audio monitoring units. Highlights will include Dolby E monitoring with the new AMU2 Dolby unit and new multi-standard HD models.

Tek Signals brings several brands to CABSAT 2006

Tek Signals will be highlighting a range of products from companies that it represents in the UAE. These include products from Thomson Grassvalley, Wohler, Tektronix and Orad. Highlights from Thomson include the Kayak DD1, a cost-effective digital switcher designed for live production, small corporate studios, and editing applications; the NewsEdit XT system, which uses standard PC technologies and networking technologies for smooth integration in the newsroom; the M-Series iVDR, which does the work of multiple VTRs; and the Grass Valley LDK 400 camera. Expect also to see Wohler's LCD products at the show.

From the Tektronix range, Tek Signals will highlight the VM 700T, the Waveform/Vector Rasterizer and the MTM 400 real-time MPEG transport stream monitor. From the Orad range, expect to see BlueSet, the vendor's HD & SD virtual set solution for chroma key corners.