

Westica Links Leading Oil Company with Microwave Solution

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Amerada Hess Chooses Westica MBR2000 E1 Radio

Leading wireless communication solution supplier, Westica today announces yet another new contract, this time for the supply of fully protected 1.4GHz E1 radio links for US company Amerada Hess, one of the worlds leading Oil and Gas exploration and production companies. The links will be supplied to Hess for use in Algeria.

The new links will be implemented using Westicas new MBR2000 1.4GHz Point-to-Point E1 Radios, in conjunction with MFS2000 Protection Switches. The links will carry GSM traffic between El Gassi and Hassi Messaoud, a distance of 90km.

Amerada Hess currently uses Westica digital microwave links to provide telephone (voice) and data communications for their remote field operations in Algeria. An expansion of the system was required to carry GSM traffic. Westica was able to provide Hess with a protected system that will enable traffic to be transmitted over a 90km path, utilising a repeater system. The 1.4GHz solution from Westica was chosen based on their superior, long range performance in the extreme environmental conditions experienced in the Saharan region where Hess carry out their critical production activities. Phil Lewis, IT/Communications Manager of Amerada Hess said, This particular Westica system is ideally suited to our requirements. We selected it because of its range performance and the radio links reduced susceptibility to fading on long paths - a vital issue when linking remote oil fields with communication systems. Dependability is the key

The system demonstrates complete reliability and provides valuable, advanced features and unrivalled flexibility. Reliability ensures that the radio eradicates any further need for site visits, also helping to minimise whole life cost of ownership.

Stevie Dynes, Westicas Sales and Marketing Director said, A key feature of the Westica solution is its ability to re-deploy equipment to other production sites, as they come on-line and as others are shut down, making it ideal for onshore or offshore communications. This winning contract demonstrates the diversity of the Westica product offerings. Amerada Hess instantly recognised that the MBR2000 microwave radio system is the most reliable radio in its class.

The order continues Westicas relationship with Amerada Hess by following on from a previous order, also for fully protected links, which used the MRR800 1.4GHz Point-to-Point Multirate Radio for voice and data traffic.

About Westica Ltd

Westicas principal aim is to be a major strategic player in the emerging global telecommunications wireless infrastructure markets, through providing leading edge solutions backed by a world class quality and service culture. Support for this vision in the form of substantial institutional investment in recent years has accelerated the development of revolutionary technology leading to volume production and deployment of Westicas growing product family. Further information is available from: www.westica.co.uk

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