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Newport Global Technologies and Kirkuk Telecom Sign Joint Venture Agreement for Expansion of Telecom Services in Kirkuk Province

Today Waria Salhi, Chairman of Kirkuk Tftlecom Company, a subsidiary of Salhi Group International of Kirkuk, Iraq and Rounsevelle Schaum, Chairman of Newport Global Technologies, Inc. (www.ngtwireless.com) of Newport, Rhode Island, announced the formation of Kirkuk International Telecom, Ltd. ("KIT") a joint venture to expand the telecommunications services available for Kirkuk Province and other Iraqi territories.

Chairman Salhi stated: "This new broadband wireless telecommunications network will significantly increase our province's international telephone connectivity and GSM cellular services, as well as provide high speed Internet access; VoIP telephony (Voice over Internet); streaming of news, video and music; and open access to distance learning, including connectivity to international medical and educational facilities. "

Schaum stated: "We are very pleased to have this opportunity to apply our skills and expertise in developing telecommunications systems for emerging economies. We are confident that the new systems that will be built and operated by our joint venture will provide significant support to the economic development activities presently underway and planned for Kirkuk and other Iraqi provinces."

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