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## **Thailand's Education Ministry Builds End-to-End IPTV Communications Network Based on Haivision**

***Haivision's Advanced Furnace™ IP System and Barracuda™ H.264 Encoders Drive Controlled and Secure Video Access to Link Headquarters With Educators Throughout the Country***

**MONTREAL and CHICAGO — Jan. 10, 2012** — Haivision Network Video today announced that Thailand's Office of the Basic Education Commission (OBEC) has chosen Haivision's advanced Furnace™ IP video system and Barracuda™ H.264 encoders to create an end-to-end IPTV solution linking the agency's headquarters with educators throughout the country. The Haivision infrastructure enables OBEC to maintain a reliable, real-time video link with geographically dispersed officers and staff, facilitating communications throughout the organization and supporting OBEC's mission to serve as the education hub for Thailand.

"In order to meet our growing communications requirements, we sought a reliable end-to-end IPTV solution to link all of our facilities so that they could better share expertise and ensure equal development and access across all regions. With Haivision, we've been able to take our internal communications to the next level — and we rely on Haivision's complete IPTV solution to drive controlled and secure video across our entire network," said OBEC's Ajarn Mana. "The Barracuda encoder delivers high-performance H.264 encoding in a uniquely compact form factor, and its ability to deliver multiple streams at different resolutions and bitrates to multiple destinations makes it a perfect fit within Haivision's Furnace end-to-end H.264 IP video solution."

Fueled by Barracuda H.264 encoders, the advanced Furnace IP video system delivers media to Haivision Stingray™ set-top boxes and InStream™ players (available on any desktop), enabling OBEC to share live video throughout its Bangkok facilities. The IP video network serves multiple purposes on a daily basis; for instance, live broadcast meetings from headquarters to the

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education office area notify teachers of new policies and keep all staff informed of general announcements. The system has also proved invaluable for distance learning purposes and for officer and staff training by providing a high-quality live video link from headquarters to PCs for e-training. With the first phase in place, OBEC is now implementing the second phase of the network to enable recording, playback, and WAN streaming.

“As Thailand’s central education authority responsible for teachers and schools across the nation, OBEC has recognized the need for communications and media accessibility across its organization and throughout the country,” said Charles Dobson, senior director, international business development, Haivision Network Video. “The Furnace IP video distribution system provides end-to-end protection of both internal and broadcast content, from the encoders within the OBEC headquarters all the way to the viewers throughout regional facilities.”

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#### **About OBEC**

The Office of the Basic Education Commission, or OBEC, based in Bangkok, Thailand, has established a core government mission to become the education hub for the country. To this end, the OBEC supports a range of strategic and administrative functions, allocating budget and resources to support programs such as developing teaching standards, building infrastructure, ensuring all classes have high-speed Internet connections, and defining programs for studies at the K-12 level. Today, OBEC administers 14,000 schools and has an ongoing program to upgrade or certify at least one school for every Tambon (or regional district) nationwide.

#### **About Haivision Network Video**

Haivision delivers advanced technology for streaming, recording, managing, and distributing secure IP video and interactive media within the enterprise, education, medical/healthcare, and federal/military markets. Haivision is a private company based in Montreal and Chicago, with technical excellence centers in Beaverton, Ore.; Austin, Texas; and Hamburg, Germany. With a global sales and support organization, Haivision distributes its products through value-added resellers, system integrators, distributors, and OEMs worldwide. More information is available at [www.haivision.com](http://www.haivision.com).

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