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Nakilat Upgrades Satellite Communications System for LNG and LPG Carriers With Advanced Services From Global Eagle Entertainment's Maritime Connectivity Service Line

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 22, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Nakilat, the shipping arm of Qatar's liquefied natural gas sector, has entered into a contract with Global Eagle Entertainment Inc.'s (NASDAQ:ENT) Emerging Markets Communications (EMC) service line to provide marine VSAT services for vessels in its fleet of liquefied natural gas (LNG) and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) carriers.

Under the contract, Global Eagle Entertainment's EMC is supplying global Ku-band VSAT connectivity and content to enable a range of internet, data and voice services for the vessels and crew. The installations were completed recently on eight Nakilat vessels, which will ensure continuous connectivity for their ships sailing global routes. The onboard satellite communication suite includes a high-quality voice-over-IP system for the corporate network, lowering the costs of voice calls over the satellites. The crew welfare system provides always-on internet connectivity to communicate with family and friends at home.

Nakilat Administration Director Rashid Hamad Al-Marri said, "We are delighted to sign this agreement with EMC which will significantly contribute to the development of the communication systems' infrastructure and facilitate Nakilat's maritime operations. As an owner of one of the largest LNG fleets in the world, staying connected while at sea is essential for Nakilat's global operations. By utilizing EMC's VSAT technology, we are able to ensure real-time information is accessible and that our personnel can stay in touch with their families during the vessel's voyage while at the same time, realize cost savings for the company."

"We are honored that Nakilat has chosen EMC to perform this project. Nakilat's modern LNG and LPG carriers are highly sophisticated specialized ships, requiring the highest levels of dependable connectivity for ships' business and crew welfare," said Gilles Gilleson, president of EMC's commercial shipping business unit. "Our seamless global coverage and network infrastructure, coupled with our suite of patented technologies, provides an unmatched value proposition enabling customers like Nakilat to bring the benefits of modern voice, internet and high-speed data to their ships at sea."

About Nakilat

Nakilat is a Qatari LNG transport company providing an essential transportation link in the State of Qatar's LNG supply chain. Its LNG shipping fleet is the largest in the world,

comprising of 63 LNG vessels. Nakilat also manages and operates four large LPG carriers. Nakilat operates the ship repair and construction facilities at Erhama Bin Jaber Al Jalahma Shipyard in Ras Laffan Industrial City via two strategic joint ventures: N-KOM and NDSQ. Nakilat also offers a full range of marine support services to vessels operating in Qatari waters. For more information visit: www.nakilat.com.qa.

About Global Eagle Entertainment (GEE)

Global Eagle Entertainment Inc. (NASDAQ:ENT) is a leading provider of satellite-based connectivity and media to fast-growing, global mobility markets across air, sea and land. Supported by proprietary and best-in-class technologies, GEE offers a fully integrated suite of rich media content and seamless connectivity solutions that cover the globe. With approximately 1,500 employees and approximately 50 offices on six continents, GEE delivers exceptional service and rapid support to a diverse base of customers around the world. Find out more at: www.geemedia.com.

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