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Global Eagle Entertainment Renews Satellite Contract With SeaBird Exploration Fleet

Seismic Vessels to Get Bandwidth Boost, Faster Web Downloads and Managed Onboard Services

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 11, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Global Eagle Entertainment Inc. (GEE) (NASDAQ:ENT) has signed a multi-year contract renewal for satellite communication services for SeaBird Exploration.

Under the new 36-month agreement, GEE's EMC service line will provide satellite connectivity to SeaBird's fleet of six seismic exploration vessels through its global C-band satellite network. EMC is doubling the existing bandwidth available to each of the vessels and is also installing its patented SpeedNet™ web browsing acceleration technology for crew internet access. SpeedNet dramatically reduces download speeds over satellite channels, freeing bandwidth for other traffic.

"This latest renewal is an important validation of the outstanding working relationship we have enjoyed with SeaBird over the last 15 years," said Gilles Gillesen, EMC's senior vice president for commercial shipping. "We have a great track record of delivering stable and reliable satellite connectivity with the flexibility to ensure SeaBird's vessels always have the bandwidth they need to meet the vessels' mission-critical throughput requirements."

"We have had a great experience in dealing with the EMC team in Norway," said Stig Mathiassen, senior ICT manager for Seabird Exploration. "In our business, satellite connectivity uptime is an absolute imperative. EMC's C-band network gives us a solid and dependable solution and is backed by a superb service team that is available around-the-clock to ensure our ships are always connected."

Based in Norway, SeaBird is a global provider of seismic exploration services for the oil and gas industry. The company specializes in high-quality operations in the high end of the source vessel and 2D market, as well as in the shallow-water and deep-water 2D and 3D segment.

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, land and sea. 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 75 locations across six continents, GEE delivers exceptional service and rapid support to a diverse base of customers around the world. Find

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