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Afghan Wireless Communications Company Deploys Mobile Network Units To Facilitate Communication In Affected Area

Kabul, Afghanistan, 5 March 2015 ? The Bayat Foundation, led by entrepreneur and philanthropist Ehsanollah Bayat, donated the equivalent of US\$100,000 in immediate cash assistance to help needy Afghans affected by a massive avalanche in a mountainous valley in Panjshir Province, located approximately 60 miles from Kabul.

“Our hearts are with victims of the avalanche tragedy and the many Afghans in desperate need of immediate assistance in Panjshir Province,” said **Ehsan Bayat**, founder of the **Bayat Foundation**. “We hope these immediately-available emergency financial resources help support ongoing emergency relief activities and, when conditions improve so as to allow better access to the region, we look forward to reaching out to further assist families in the affected area.”

In addition to the Bayat Foundation's contributions, Mr. Bayat's mobile telephony operation ? **Afghan Wireless Communication Company (AWCC)** ? deployed mobile base stations and other emergency networking equipment to help provide better communication between the remote villages and districts in Panjshir Province that are suffering from roads blocked by heavy snow the possibility of subsequent avalanches.

Any organizations or individuals interested in supporting the Foundation's emergency relief efforts may donate online at: www.bayatfoundation.org.

About the Bayat Foundation

Since 2005, the US-based Bayat Foundation, a 501 c(3) charitable organization, has promoted the well-being of the Afghan people. Founded and directed by Ehsan Bayat and Fatema Bayat, the Foundation has contributed to more than 200 projects dedicated to improving the quality of life for the youth, women, poor, and elderly of Afghanistan. Projects have included the construction of new facilities and sustainable infrastructure in needy regions, and the promotion of health, education, economic, and cultural programs. In addition to his charitable initiatives, Ehsanollah Bayat founded Afghan Wireless (AWCC) in 2002 ? a joint venture between Telephone Systems International, Inc. (TSI) and the Ministry of Communications ? which was the first GSM wireless and Internet Service Provider in Afghanistan, and later established Ariana Radio and Television Network (ATN), which includes Ariana Radio (FM 93.5). For more information, please email info@bayatfoundation.org.

About Afghan Wireless

Headquartered in Kabul, AWCC serves approximately 4,000,000 subscribers throughout Afghanistan; and is one of the largest employers of Afghans was founded by Ehsan Bayat. AWCC employs over 5,500 people directly and another 100,000 indirectly. AWCC is a leader in delivering wireless and broadband communication solutions to residential and business customers. Additional information is available at www.afghan-wireless.com or through Telephone Systems International (?TSI?) website at www.tsiglobe.com