

# UAE'S THURAYA KEEPS MT. EVEREST CLIMBERS CONNECTED ON SUMMIT JOURNEY

Thuraya recently worked with service partners, Talia and NBS Maritime, to sponsor and support two climbers – Holly Budge and Dr. Atanas Skatov – in their summit expeditions to Mount Everest. Both Ms. Budge and Dr. Skatov completed their missions successfully and were able to stay connected with wireless data via Thuraya IP+ satellite terminals throughout their steep trek.

The first woman to skydive over Everest in 2008, British mountaineer Ms. Budge conquered her latest Himalayan quest on 15th April 2017. She used her iPhone 7 connected to the Thuraya IP+ to share live footage of her summit success on Facebook. A social media regular, Ms. Budge further commented on being able to post her real-time videos; she wrote, "The innovation lies in the latest cutting-edge, lightweight and portable technology that will allow me to intimately document my expedition, giving an unedited and raw insight into the world of big mountain climbing."



*Mountaineer Holly Budge on Mount Everest. Photograph courtesy of Thuraya.*



Bulgarian alpinist Dr. Skatov similarly summited Everest on May 21, 2017. Dr. Skatov achieved his second-time Everest record a mere six days after becoming the first vegan to scale the rough trails of Mount Lhotse. Equipped with remote streaming via the IP+ terminal, Dr. Skatov was also able to stay constantly in touch with the basecamp and share stunning 360-degree videos of his journey.

Thuraya regularly serves adventurers around the world with broadband offerings like Thuraya IP+. Designed to support mobility and remote data coverage, the IP+ is portable, lightweight and can be deployed from backpack to broadband within seconds. Thuraya's work lies in pioneering satellite technology to deliver communication capabilities at all times to everyone, everywhere. The company ensures that people on critical missions can stay safe with swift voice and data access to teams, family and friends, and works with global service providers to make flexible and reliable products that best meet the specific connectivity needs of its diverse customers.