

# R-BGAN End of Life and Migration Statement

**December 31, 2008 will bring a close of support for the R-BGAN Service as part of Inmarsat's Product Evolution strategy.**

The R-BGAN service was launched in late 2002 as a pre-cursor to BGAN and we indicated to the Partnership then that we would not support the service past 31/12/08. Our current position remains the same.

Whilst we have seen strong interest in and adoption of the service in the past few years, particularly since the expansion of geographic coverage when the service transitioned onto the Inmarsat-4 satellite, the introduction of BGAN in 2005 means that customers now have much greater choice of user terminals and service capabilities.

In 2009 BGAN users will also benefit from the enhanced network efficiencies and capacity brought about by having a single BGAN air-interface in operation (at present the BGAN and R-BGAN platforms contend with each other for network resources). Further, BGAN users will also benefit from global coverage as a result of plans to launch the third Inmarsat-4.

We will work with our Partners during 2007 to determine their plans for up-selling and migrating users to BGAN, and whether Inmarsat's support is needed. In the meantime, we hope that this statement will confirm that the longevity of R-BGAN should not be a barrier to current sales activity.