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On-Go solution provides IP benefits over dial-up connection

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18-06-2009 - An application that enables remote devices with dial-up data connections to access the BGAN network - without the need to change the existing infrastructure - is now being demonstrated at Inmarsat solutions labs.

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On-Go's client and server solution effectively converts dial-up calls into an IP connection, and is designed for use with remote devices such as data loggers and utility meters.

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Such devices are frequently used by oil and gas and utility companies, and by banks with far-flung ATM machines, to store information and communicate with a central data management system that performs data collection, configuration and diagnostic functions.

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Traditionally, this is achieved through circuit-switched data calling, which can be expensive and challenging when the devices are in remote locations.

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On-Go's solution requires no changes to the equipment or data management system and the method of communication remains the same.

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It is an easy to manage, plug-and-play application that allows multiple devices to be connected to the same circuit-switched Inmarsat Mini M terminal, but with data channelled via BGAN to and from the data management system.

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In the field, On-Go hardware acts as a bridge between the remote device and the BGAN network. Calls made from it over IP are received by an On-Go server and converted back into a dial-up call to the end-user's headquarters.

Nadeem Khan, Inmarsat solutions manager, said: "This is an ideal interim solution for end-users not yet in a position to migrate to an IP-based network.

"The solution has already been tested by a number of companies. It means partners can say to customers using a dial-up solution, don't worry, you can still run it over the BGAN network."

On-Go's solution is available for demonstration to partners and end-users at Inmarsat's solutions labs in London, Dubai, Miami and Singapore.

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