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interWAVE to provide wireless GSM network on cruise ship

Menlo Park, CA-based interWAVE Communications International Ltd. plans to deploy its products aboard the Brittany Ferries cruise ship, Val de Loire, to provide full GSM wireless coverage for its passengers. In a strategic alliance with Geolink, satellite service provider and integrator for Brittany Ferries, interWAVE's wireless GSM Network In A Box will interface with Geolink's VSAT system to enable passengers with standard GSM mobile phones to receive and place calls aboard the ship.

interWAVE's wireless application uses the latest in scalable GSM network elements, satellite back haul compression and transmission techniques. The product deployment is scheduled for completion before the end of the year.

The company has pioneered a product suite that provides all of the infrastructure equipment and software necessary to support an entire wireless network within a single compact system. The technology supports the GSM standard that is currently deployed in 159 countries with more than 380 million subscribers.

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