

Communications module used in test

First Full Test of Disaster Communication Completed

SYDNEY - With no less inspiration and motivation than Marconi's historic radio message from Nova Scotia to England in 1902, a mere 6 km's away from the site of this transmission another technological breakthrough was achieved last Friday, when the first transatlantic call was made from the Ground Zero Communication Emergency Disaster Relief module to France.

Ground Zero's achievement is no less ground breaking than the original wireless transmission; it has taken existing technology and re-engineered it so that it works in the remotest and harshest of locations worldwide.

"It was an important day for us," Michael Barry, CEO of Ground Zero explained, "an accumulation of what was a mere idea some months ago into a fully functional product that will directly save lives."

"We had seen a major problem in areas that had been hit by natural disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis and floods." The devastation he witnessed in his travels prompted him to apply his knowledge in first world communications to create a solution that was versatile, quick to deploy and a fraction of the cost of current systems.

The system that Ground Zero has put together had a tight set of specifications. It had to be capable of being deployed anywhere in the world, it had to be rugged, cope with temperatures of between +60°C to -40°C, capable of being lifted by military cargo planes and civilian helicopters. It had to be relatively cheap and versatile, and had to work every time.

The working prototype proved to be an exceptional success and has attracted significant interest from Governments and organizations worldwide. Already the company is in discussions with such countries as Haiti, Sri Lanka, Nicaragua and has inquires from some West African countries. The Company is about to complete its first deal with a Canadian company that supplies Asian markets with such equipment.

Well, maybe Marconi had it right at the beginning; it seems Nova Scotia is a great place to start a communications project.

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