

TELENOR SATELLITE SERVICES PICKED TO PROVIDE REMOTE COMMUNICATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL DINOSAUR EXPEDITION

Telenor to Provide Critical Link for Research, Media Interviews and Internet Access during Project Exploration Dinosaur Expedition 2003

OSLO Norway and ROCKVILLE, Maryland (October 6, 2003) - Telenor Satellite Services today announced that it is providing all of the mobile satellite high-speed data and voice communications services for Project Exploration's 2003 international dinosaur research expedition.

Project Exploration's Dinosaur Expedition 2003, led by renowned paleontologist Dr. Paul Sereno and his wife, educator Gabrielle Lyon, is scheduled to begin in mid-September and run through November. During the two-month scientific expedition, an international team of scientists and researchers will conduct dinosaur research in the Sahara Desert in the western African nation of Niger in search of Africa's youngest dinosaurs. Project Exploration's Dinosaur Expedition 2003 is a multimedia project that allows visitors to follow Dr. Sereno's work in the Sahara and witness discoveries as they unfold.

Telenor will provide mobile communications via satellite, including its Regional Broadband Global Area Network (Regional BGAN), as well as mobile ISDN and packet data services via Telenor's Global Area Network (GAN) service. These communications technologies will allow the Project Exploration team to keep in touch with its global audience via the Internet and the expedition's Web site www.projectexploration.org.

Additionally, Telenor will provide high-quality voice communications so expedition members can correspond with Chicago area public schoolchildren, coordinate expedition logistics, conduct media interviews, as well as stay in touch with family and friends.

Expedition Technology Manager Mike Hettwer expressed great confidence in Telenor's ability to meet the team's satellite communications needs. "Project Exploration has used Telenor satellite communications services for many of our previous global research expeditions," Hettwer said. "During our last dinosaur expedition to Niger, we used the company's communications services to send more than 1,500 e-mails, 500 photographs and even a few video clips. We also used their mobile satellite communications services to download files to our Web site and to conduct on-line distance learning with schools in the Chicago area," he added. "Telenor's reliability and dependability, coupled with innovative

communications solutions for Internet access and video, help make Project Exploration's global remote connections routine."

"Telenor's communications via satellite will be an invaluable asset to the Project Exploration team by providing them a real-time link to the rest of the world and offering the researchers a means of immediate communications with scientists, public school students, and the media," said Tom Surface, spokesmen for Telenor Satellite Services. "Project Exploration is a 'world class' educational and research organization and Telenor is proud of its long-standing professional association with it."

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Paleontologist Dr. Paul Sereno and Educator Gabrielle Lyon co-founded Project Exploration, a Chicago based, non-profit science education organization, in 1999 to make science accessible to the public - especially city kids and girls. Project Exploration's website is www.projectexploration.org

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