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Croatel goes Ultra-High-Definition with Evertz

Evertz' UHD production solution enables Croatel's outside broadcast production truck

September 14, 2017 — Burlington, Ontario — Evertz, the global leader in media and entertainment technology solutions, announces the launch of Croatel's latest UHD outside broadcast truck UHD OB 5 with a complete Evertz UHD infrastructure solution.

Croatel, a leading independent production and playout facility service provider based in Zagreb, Croatia, was formed in 1994 as the first licensed satellite service provider company in the country. Croatel has been active on the market for over 20 years, offering HDTV sports production and professional satellite communication services.

Croatel has launched its new UHD OB5 truck built on a Volvo FM 420 chassis; with native support for 4K/UHD live production workflows, a first in the south-east European market. UHD OB5 features a robust SDI infrastructure with an Evertz 288x288 EQX router at its core providing audio embedding and deembedding abilities and additional XLINK outputs for multiviewing purposes. Acting as the audio portion of the core router system the Evertz EMR audio router integrates embedded audio, discrete AES, analogue audio and MADI audio as well as A-Link audio connections directly in and out of a Studer Vista 5 M3 Audio mixer providing ultra-flexible any-to-any mono routing capabilities. Signal conversion and distribution functions are handled by Evertz SDI distribution amplifiers and 7814UDX-AES8-4K UHD up/down/cross converters, which can be optionally provisioned for HDR cross transformation. Evertz' 3067VIP multi image display processor, the industry's most advanced multiviewer with support for signal formats including SDI, HDMI, J2K, RDD37 (ASPEN), ST 2022-6 and 2110 is being utilized for onboard monitoring. In addition, Evertz' 5601MSC Master Timing Generator, a fully integrated timing solution, with all of the synchronization signals required for an OB truck, is being utilized.



“UHD event production is in growing demand and we require an OB Truck solution with a native UHD workflow,” said Tonko Barac, managing director of Croatel. “Evertz’ robust UHD solution, which enabled a seamless end-to-end UHD workflow met our critical requirements and enabled us to be the leader in UHD mobile production in Europe.”

“Evertz is the industry’s only supplier of end-to-end UHD solutions for both SDI and IP applications. This is mandatory in order to custom tailor a solution for every customer’s requirements,” said Michael Lewis, Product Manager, Modular Products at Evertz Technologies Limited. “Croatel is a leader in UHD mobile event production in Europe with UHD OB5 and we congratulate them on a successful launch and look forward to working with them on future projects.”

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CROATEL company has been active on the market for over 20 years and currently has 70 employees. CROATEL was formed in 1994 from previous members of Satellite group in HPT (Croatian Post and Telecommunication). CROATEL has been licensed since 1995 by Croatian Regulatory Agency and was the first licensed satellite service provider company in Croatia. CROATEL is certified by Croatian Register of Shipping as a service supplier for installation and maintenance telecommunication services on the off-shore platforms and is also ISO 9001 certified since 2007. CROATEL is a leading UHD/HD TV production and satellite communications company in South East Europe, primarily engaged in broadcasting of sport events and satellite/microwave communications. CROATEL team is highly qualified and consists of engineers (M.Sc.E.E.) with a degree from University of Zagreb, Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing, Department of Radio communications and Microwave Electronics, as well as engineers and skilled technicians in UHD/HD TV Production, satellite and microwave communications.

About Evertz

Evertz Technologies Limited designs, manufactures and markets video and audio infrastructure solutions for the television, telecommunications and new-media industries. Evertz provides complete end-to-end solutions to content creators, broadcasters, specialty channels and television service providers to support their increasingly complex multi-channel digital and high definition television (“HDTV”) and next generation high bandwidth low latency IP network environments and by telecommunications and new-media companies. Evertz’ products allow its customers to generate additional revenue while reducing costs through the more efficient signal routing, distribution, monitoring and management of content as well as the automation of previously manual processes. For additional information, visit www.evertz.com