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NextLevel Systems Inc. Satellite Technology to Deliver Video for Multimedia Webcasting of NASA Events

NextLevel Joins Consortium of Consumer Electronics and Computer Companies to
Bring Real-Time Views of Shuttle Launches and Mars Mission to Consumers' PCs



CHICAGO, Sept. 25 /PRNewswire/ -- NextLevel Systems, Inc. (NYSE: NLV) today announced that it will provide state-of-the-art satellite technology to deliver video of significant NASA events over the World Wide Web to consumers' PCs. The company joins a roster of renowned consumer electronics and computer companies in a collaborative effort to broaden consumers' access to unique, interactive multimedia programming.

NextLevel will join NASA, Microsoft, Sony, Compaq and multimedia content developer WorldLink to broadcast today's launch of the Space Shuttle Atlantis. The launch, scheduled for 10:34 p.m. EDT, can be viewed at: <http://netshow.wl.net/nasa/>. The group will also offer coverage of Columbia shuttle launch in November and the Mars Pathfinder mission. The group will also offer coverage of the Mars Pathfinder mission.

Renewed, intense interest in the U.S. space program, sparked by the success of the Mars Pathfinder mission as well as the travails of the Mir space station, has underscored the demand for increased information about NASA projects. During the first weeks of the Mars Pathfinder mission, for example, the NASA web site carrying coverage of the event registered more than 100 million hits in three days.

By providing real-time video coverage of events, access to archived materials and analysis and comment from mission insiders, the Webcasting consortium hopes to give computer users an unprecedented look at the issues and events that shape a space mission.

NextLevel Systems will provide its 4DTV(TM) satellite receivers and VideoCipher(R) descramblers to receive a NASA video feed carried via the GE2 satellite. The signal can then be decoded by the 4DTV system, packaged with other sources of content and streamed over the Internet using Microsoft's NetShow webcasting software.

Introduced in June 1996, 4DTV was designed as a top-flight product for the home satellite enthusiast, capable of delivering more than 500 channels of analog and digital programming. 4DTV can deliver professional quality digital signals directly from the programming source -- unlike signals from mini-dish systems which are downlinked, compressed and re-broadcast -- making the system ideal for the broadcast quality demanded by the Webcasting initiative.

"Using NextLevel satellite technology to deliver video over the World Wide Web is a perfect illustration of NextLevel's ability to deliver any content over any network," said Richard S. Friedland, Chairman and CEO of NextLevel Systems. "By working in concert with other leaders in the digital communications realm, we can help bring unique and educational content to computer users worldwide."

Developed as a result of in-depth consumer studies and market research, 4DTV is geared primarily toward the home entertainment enthusiast, providing the C-band consumer with a complete spectrum of satellite entertainment services and applications. 4DTV allows consumers to receive programming and services from more than 34 C- and Ku-band satellites, resulting in access to more than 500 channels. The system's broadband compression technology accommodates future expansion in the home entertainment industry, providing

the consumer flexibility to add options, features and more programming as the home entertainment industry expands.

NextLevel Systems, Inc. is a leading worldwide supplier of systems and components for high-performance communications networks delivering video, voice and Internet/data services. Created in the recent restructuring of General Instrument Corporation, NextLevel Systems comprises three business that are leaders in distinct global growth markets: the Broadband Networks Group, based in Hatboro, Pa.; the Satellite Data Networks Group, based in San Diego, Calif.; and Next Level Communications, based in Rohnert Park, Calif. NextLevel Systems, headquartered in Chicago, posted revenues of \$1.8 billion in 1996, and employs more than 8,300 people around the world.

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