



PRESS RELEASE



Broadband in a Backpack at the Top of the World SWARM® Satellite Terminal Supports RAF in Himalayas

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Paradigm's high-speed SWARM satellite terminal provided invaluable support for the RAF on their Himalayan Venture 18 (HV18) this September. The lightweight, powerful terminal, easily carried in a backpack, helped to keep the world up-to-date with the progress of the Alpine team, climbing in a remote part of The Himalayas, frequently at altitudes of over 5000m. The climbers posted regular media updates of photos and video, kept in touch with the other teams and stayed safe thanks to the global connectivity of Inmarsat's Global Xpress network and the quick set-up and ease-of-use of the SWARM.

Speaking directly from the Himalayas, RAF Squadron Leader Gordon Henderson of the Alpine Team described the SWARM's data speeds as "like having the equivalent of a home wi-fi system".

Paradigm's MD Ulf Sandberg added: "It's been fantastic to follow the team's progress with the superb photos and videos that satcom, via the SWARM and Global Xpress, has allowed them to share with the world".

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The SWARM was selected for the expedition following its success in providing seamless connectivity at the RAF100 Flypast over Buckingham Palace back in July 2018. This high-profile RAF100 Centenary event involved 100 aircraft from the past 100 years flying over the skies of London. The SWARM provided the Air Command Media team with constant communications in the face of high demand from the public on the terrestrial 4G network.

The SWARM is an ultra portable, rugged satcom system which can be easily operated by a non-skilled user. Assembly typically takes around 90 seconds with high-speed, broadband connectivity achievable in less than 240 seconds. Acquiring the satellite is intuitive, quick and tool-free using the integrated audio and visual pointing aids onboard the PIM[®] (Paradigm Interface Module) terminal controller. View the **SWARM** video for a closer look at the terminal and for visuals on its quick setup and simple pointing.

HIMALAYAN VENTURE 18 (@raf100HV18) is the principal expedition of RAF100 – the celebration of the centenary of the formation of the Royal Air Force, the first independent Air Force in the world. The expedition unites 75 members of the wider RAF family in a pioneering expedition to the Rolwaling and Khumbu regions of the Nepalese Himalayan range. It brings together individuals with a variety of outdoor experience, ranging from the absolute novice to the experienced mountaineer.

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About Paradigm

Paradigm provides optimal, innovative and reliable satellite communication and control solutions at a competitive price.

Paradigm is a UK-based, independent and privately owned company with Europe's largest satcom warehouse. Incorporating an extensive logistics capability, Paradigm is able to deliver extremely efficient and cost-effective global services and unique solutions, from the provision of satcom equipment and terminals to the design and installation of complete turnkey systems.

Paradigm has extensive engineering experience designing and delivering customised satellite terminals and earth stations for a wide range of industries and sectors, developing close relationships with customers, and giving valuable insight into their key requirements.

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