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Satellite videophones have changed the face of international television reporting and broadcasting over recent years. News coverage has been revolutionized thanks to live, on-the-scene broadcasts in real time, which capture events as they unfold.

The satellite videophone allows reporters to transmit images, audio and data information wherever they are, providing live, high impact video reports at virtually a moment's notice. Although lacking the high audio and video quality provided by full satellite link-ups, videophones are able to beam breaking news into the living rooms of millions of viewers worldwide.



A form of communication until recently used only by a handful of news organizations and government agencies, the satellite videophone is now utilized by practically every major television network. Among these is the important German television network RTL Television, which has chosen to use the solution Voyager® produced by Aethra® Telecommunications in Italy.

The product is marketed worldwide and is distributed by VITEC Distribution in Germany where the complete solution in combination with the satellite equipment (Inmarsat ISDN – Terminals) is delivered and supported by GESAT mbH in Frankfurt.

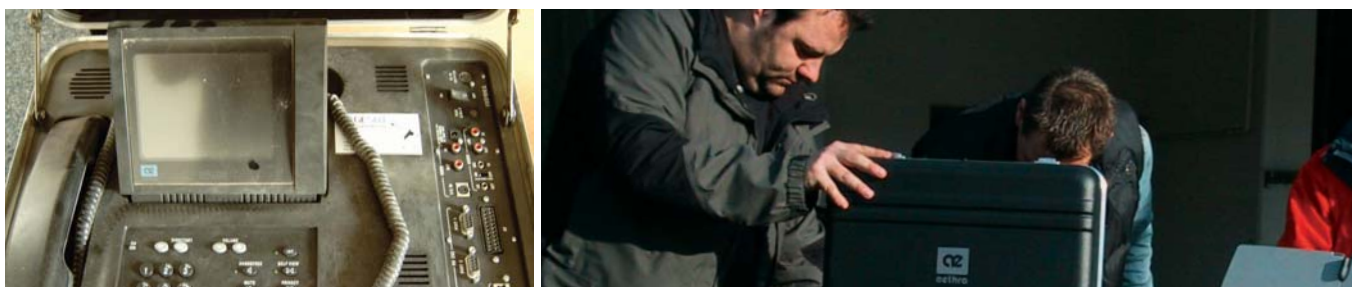
Recently thanks to the Voyager it was possible for the German journalist Uli Klose from RTL Television to provide TV services during the war in Iraq, reporting important news, supported by live images. Thanks to the Voyager, it is possible to improve the quality of information and make the transmission of important events possible in real time.

Aethra's Voyager system is rugged, portable and suitable for location work anywhere in the world. The first complete videoconferencing system to be contained in a single, business-style briefcase, Voyager represents the ideal solution for anyone wishing to transmit and collaborate on visual information while on the move. The Voyager system allows users to transmit audio, 30 frames per second video and data simultaneously over ISDN, dedicated lines and satellite networks (compatible with international standards).

Built-in auxiliary input/output interfaces allow for expansion of the system's features by connecting additional peripherals, including external monitor, microphone and loudspeakers.

The robust case is lightweight and compact, making it ideal for even the harshest of environments. Thanks to on-screen, contextual help and an intuitive, non-intimidating graphic interface, operation is simple and flexible, even for the lone reporter; a key factor in the product's success.

The Voyager system is a result of Aethra's 30 years' experience in the telecommunications industry and its 6-year background in the manufacture of satellite videophones.



About Aethra

Aethra (www.aethra.com) is a leader in the global telecommunications market, with distribution of its leading-edge products through more than 40 telecommunications carriers worldwide. The company develops, manufactures and markets a wide range of high-performance telecommunications products, including ISDN and xDSL products, video communication systems and audioconferencing solutions, and management solutions for audio, video and data services in over 60 countries. These exceptional products have distinguished Aethra as a leader in the telecommunications industry worldwide for over 30 years, reflecting its expertise in bringing cutting-edge communications technologies to market.

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