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TeleCommunication Systems Announces Dismissal of Reexamination for Inter-Carrier Messaging Patent

Note: Comtech Acquired TCS on 2/23/2016

ANNAPOLIS, MD, Feb 25, 2011 -- TeleCommunication Systems, Inc. (TCS) (NASDAQ: TSYS), a world leader in highly reliable and secure mobile communication technology, announced that the reexamination of U.S. patent "Inter-Carrier Messaging Service Providing Phone Number Only Experience" number 6,985,748 ('748) has been dismissed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. TCS patent '748 was previously the subject of a successful patent litigation where a jury unanimously found the '748 patent valid and willfully infringed. The litigation resulted in a \$23 million settlement in January 2011. All litigated claims remain valid and enforceable.

TCS patent '748 describes a system, method, and apparatus that allow a wireless subscriber to send a digital packet to a user on a different wireless carrier by addressing the packet with only a phone number. A database associates a different carrier and routing syntax to the phone number to which the packet is addressed. The digital packet is then routed to the recipient carrier. The digital packet also can be a short text message.

"As a leader of innovation in wireless communications technology, TCS sets protection of our intellectual property as a high priority," said Mark Ramberg, director of intellectual asset management for TCS. "We are pleased that the reexamination of patent '748 has reached a successful conclusion and that the validity of our patent claims has been affirmed."

As of February 23rd, 2011, TCS holds 144 patents worldwide with more than 300 applications pending. To learn more about TCS patents, please visit: <http://www.telecomsys.com/about/ip-licensing/patents.aspx>.

About TeleCommunication Systems, Inc.

TeleCommunication Systems, Inc. (TCS) (NASDAQ: TSYS) is a world leader in highly reliable and secure mobile communication technology. TCS infrastructure forms the foundation for market leading solutions in E9-1-1, text messaging, commercial location and deployable wireless communications. TCS is at the forefront of new mobile cloud computing services providing wireless applications for navigation, hyper-local search, asset tracking, social applications and telematics. Millions of consumers around the world use TCS wireless apps as a fundamental part of their daily lives. Government agencies utilize TCS' cyber security expertise and professional services. Headquartered in Annapolis, MD, TCS maintains technical, service and sales offices around the world. To learn more about emerging and innovative wireless technologies, visit www.telecomsys.com.

Except for the historical information contained herein, this news release contains forward-looking statements as defined within Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These statements are subject to risks and uncertainties and are based upon TCS' current expectations and assumptions that if incorrect would cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated. Risks include without limitation those detailed from time to time in the Company's SEC reports, including the reports on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 and Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2010.

Existing and prospective investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. The Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise the information in this press release, whether as a result of new information, future events or circumstances, or otherwise.

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