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ARCTEK Transmits a Summer Filled with High Profile Events *Summer 2009 included repeat work with the ABC/ESPN family of networks.*

(Minneapolis) ARCTEK Satellite Productions LLC provided transmission services this summer for several high profile events, including repeat work with ABC and ESPN.

ARCTEK provided both C-band and Ku-band uplinks for the 141st running of the Belmont Stakes in Elmont, NY, which included the high-definition primary broadcast feed. The service marked the third consecutive year the company has provided transmission for ABC.

“Three” was also the magic number for ARCTEK in providing service to ESPN for the Women’s College World Series in Oklahoma City, OK. A C-band Hi-Def uplink was provided for the primary broadcast feed.

“We’re pleased that ESPN has called upon us each year to transmit this event,” said Brian Stanley, vice president of sales and operations. “For the third consecutive year we have been a part of this multi-day event and truly enjoy bringing these games to the airwaves.”

Carefully planned logistics enabled ARCTEK to move their C-band uplink from Oklahoma City to the Belmont Stakes within a 30-hour window keeping all personnel within Department of Transportation driving regulations.

The men’s event was not to be left out of the ARCTEK lineup this summer. It was the second year in a row that ARCTEK transmitted the Men’s College World Series in Omaha, NE to ESPN. Both C-band and Ku-band uplinks were provided for an HD primary feed and standard definition backup.

ARCTEK also did not miss out on Indy racing action this year. Uplink engineer Chuck Martz provided the Ku-band HD transmission of the annual Indianapolis 500 for ABC. The racetrack celebrated its 100th anniversary this year. (The race itself will celebrate its 100th birthday in 2011.)

“It was a thrill to transmit such an historic event,” said Martz. The Indy 500 is the largest single-day sporting event in the world and to be a part of it was definitely a career highlight.”

The “500” was not the only racing action for ARCTEK. ABC also called upon the company to provide a both C-band and Ku-band HD feeds for four other Indy Racing League locations: the Milwaukee (WI) Mile, the Iowa Speedway (Newton, IA), the

Watkins Glenn International (NY) and the Streets of Indy Toronto (Ontario, Canada) Grand Prix.

"We've been transmitting motor sports of all kinds over the last seven years," said Shawn Erickson, vice president of production. "Nothing we've done compares to the speed and excitement that the IRL brings to a track or city."

ARCTEK Satellite Productions operates digital and high-definition uplinks using the latest MPEG-4 encoder technology, as well as provides single and multiple camera productions, production management, satellite media tours, webcasting, field producing and directing, planning and covering broadcast events, shooting b-roll and editing.

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