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SES TO PROVIDE HIGH-SPEED BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY TO FACEBOOK IN AFRICA

New agreement will see Facebook's Internet.org initiative using SES's customised broadband platform and services to provide internet connectivity across Sub-Saharan Africa

LUXEMBOURG, 27 APRIL 2016 -- SES S.A. (NYSE Euronext Paris and Luxembourg Stock Exchange: SESG), one of the world's leading satellite operators, today announced a satellite broadband deal with Facebook to provide high-speed broadband connectivity services to Sub-Saharan Africa. This agreement will support Facebook's Express Wi-Fi programme that is part of their Internet.org initiative to connect the world.

Facebook, the world's largest social media network, will deliver high speed broadband connectivity using three SES satellites - ASTRA 2G, ASTRA 3B and ASTRA 4A. In addition, SES is providing Facebook with customised [SES Enterprise+ broadband](#) services.

SES designed a highly tailored service utilising its satellite, data centre and implementation services with integrated features such as security, protocol enhancement, and hosting. The solution includes Gilat Satellite Networks' [X-Architecture](#) platform that will enable Facebook's local African partners to deliver internet services to underconnected and unconnected communities using Facebook's Express Wi-Fi access product.

"We are excited about the opportunity to partner with SES and Facebook on this worthy initiative to bridge the digital divide," said Ron Levin, Director Strategic Accounts at Gilat. "The turn-key solution provided to Facebook is based on expanding SES base with Gilat's most advanced X-Architecture for SkyEdge II-c platform to deliver a scalable and optimised satellite-enabled broadband solution in Africa."

"SES has the solutions and satellites that can satisfy Facebook's demand to enable and provide broadband connectivity for Express Wi-Fi," said Ferdinand Kayser, Chief Commercial Officer of SES. "Our new data network, SES Plus, highlights the strengths of SES as a network operator. We pride ourselves on working with our customers to design and deliver customised and differentiated products that enable them to excel in their markets. An agreement such as this with Facebook, where we designed a whole new customisable, flexible and scalable solution, is another step SES has taken to satisfy the fast expanding broadband connectivity market in Africa."

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SES stands for long-lasting business relationships, high-quality service and excellence in the satellite industry. The culturally diverse regional teams of SES are located around the globe and work closely with customers to meet their specific satellite bandwidth and service requirements.

SES holds a participation in O3b Networks, a next generation satellite network combining the reach of satellite with the speed of fibre.

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