



## Press release

### SES-9 READY TO ENTER COMMERCIAL SERVICE

*SES's largest satellite over Asia-Pacific, adding a total payload of 81 36MHz transponder equivalents of which 53 in Ku-band are incremental, expanding SES's scale in global video and mobility verticals with important anchor customers already secured*

LUXEMBOURG, 1 June 2016 -- SES S.A. (Euronext Paris and Luxembourg Stock Exchange: SESE) announced today that its new SES-9 spacecraft is entering commercial service. SES-9 has successfully completed its testing and reached its orbital position at around 108.2 degrees East where it has joined SES-7 and will replace NSS-11.

SES-9, built by Boeing Satellite Systems International, is the largest SES satellite to serve the Asia-Pacific region, with 57 high-power Ku-band transponders – equivalent to 81x36MHz transponders, out of which 53 are incremental. The new spacecraft will provide significant expansion capacity to serve the fast-growing video and mobility sectors across Northeast Asia, South Asia, India, Indonesia and the Philippines. The satellite will also be capable of supporting a range of Enterprise and Government applications.

SES-9 has already secured business in advance of the satellite's entry in commercial service. SES will co-market SES-9 capacity with Indonesia's largest satellite telecommunications services company, PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia, to the Indonesian market. In addition, Sky Cable, the largest cable television provider in the Philippines, signed a multi-year, multi-transponder agreement for broadcasting direct-to-home (DTH) satellite TV channels. This week SES also partnered with Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd., a worldwide leader in satellite networking technology, to launch the SES Enterprise+ Hybrid Broadband in Asia. This innovative, hybrid broadband solution will use capacity from SES-9.

The spacecraft was successfully launched by a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida on 4 March 2016. Since then, the satellite has used both its chemical and electric propulsion systems to reach its assigned geostationary orbit. The satellite's platform and payload have since undergone extensive in-orbit tests.

"SES-9 is key to expanding our capabilities for DTH video broadcasting and services in Northeast Asia, South Asia and Indonesia," said Martin Halliwell, Chief Technology Officer, SES. "Equipped with dedicated mobility beams, SES-9 is also well positioned to serve the fast-growing maritime and aeronautical sectors. The improved performance of the Falcon 9 launcher shortened the orbit raising phase and, in combination with the use of the highly efficient SES-9 electric propulsion system, resulted in remaining fuel on board to support services well beyond its 15 years design life. I congratulate the Boeing, SpaceX and SES teams, who together have done an excellent job."



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SES (Euronext Paris and Luxembourg Stock Exchange: SESG) is a world-leading satellite operator with a fleet of more than 50 geostationary satellites. The company provides satellite communications services to broadcasters, content and internet service providers, mobile and fixed network operators and business and governmental organisations worldwide.

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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