

Press release

SES Networks Works with Project Loon to Restore Connectivity in Puerto Rico

The combination of SES Networks' innovative satellite-enabled networks, X's high-altitude balloons and local telecommunications expertise is restoring cell connectivity to hurricanestricken Puerto Rico

Luxembourg, 23 October 2017 – SES Networks' high throughput and fibre-like satellite connectivity service, the stratospheric balloons operated by X, Alphabet's self-described "moonshot factory", and local telecommunications expertise are playing a key role in restoring 4G/LTE connectivity in disaster-affected Puerto Rico, SES announced today.

The connectivity is powered by Project Loon's targeted cell coverage and SES Networks' O3b FastConnect, a rapidly deployable satellite terminal delivering fibre-like performance. Together with local technology partners, SES Networks and X are providing reliable high-performance connectivity to Puerto Ricans whose lives have been devastated by the hurricane Maria and who have limited means of communication.

"Our thoughts are with those whose lives have been impacted by this devastating hurricane," said Steve Collar, CEO of SES Networks. "Access to connectivity is crucial in getting those affected the information and help they need after a natural disaster. We are really pleased to be working with X and their other partners to deploy high-performance connectivity to Puerto Rico and to play a part in the island's restoration efforts."

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