

Eutelsat Communications concludes acquisition of SATMEX

Paris, 2 January 2014 - Eutelsat Communications (NYSE Euronext Paris: ETL) today announces closure of the transaction to acquire 100% of the share capital of Satélites Mexicanos, S.A. de C.V. ("Satmex") having obtained all required government and regulatory approvals. As previously communicated, the transaction amounts to USD831 million.

The financing requirements in connection with the acquisition are covered following the issuance on 13 December 2013 of 6-year senior unsecured bonds for a total of €930 million which were secured at attractive terms.

Welcoming the completion of the transaction, Michel de Rosen, Eutelsat Chairman and CEO, said: *"With the acquisition of Satmex, Eutelsat is significantly upscaling activity in the Americas to complement our strong presence in fast-growing markets. Satmex's strategic orbital slots, which will be expanded in 2015 with two further high-performance satellites, bring Eutelsat a robust platform from which to access significant opportunities in this region. They will be further complemented by the EUTELSAT 65 West A satellite that we will launch in advance of the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro to serve video and broadband markets in Latin America. We are delighted to welcome the Satmex team to Eutelsat and to strengthen our response to commercial opportunities with a broader range of satellites and teleports, a wider footprint and an expanded wealth of talent in our Group."*

Patricio Northland, CEO of Satmex, added: *"We are very pleased to become part of an operator whose experience and quest for excellence set the standards in our industry. Joining Eutelsat enhances our offering to our high-quality customers and strengthens our ability to capture new opportunities in one of the fastest-growing regions in the satellite sector. We at Satmex are honoured to combine our skills with those of Eutelsat and to pursue a trajectory of lasting and profitable growth as one team."*

Satmex will be consolidated in the accounts of Eutelsat Communications from 1 January 2014. The impact of the acquisition on the Group's financial outlook will be communicated at the latest with first-half 2013-2014 results that will be announced on 14 February 2014.

Based in Mexico, Satmex operates three satellites at contiguous positions, 113° West (Satmex 6), 114.9° West (Satmex 5) and 116.8° West (Satmex 8) that cover 90% of the population of the

Americas. The Satmex 7 and 9 satellites that are scheduled for launch in 2015 will more than double this total in-orbit capacity.

About Eutelsat Communications

Established in 1977, Eutelsat Communications (Euronext Paris: ETL, ISIN code: FR0010221234) is one of the world's leading and most experienced operators of communications satellites. The company provides capacity on 34 satellites to clients that include broadcasters and broadcasting associations, pay-TV operators, video, data and Internet service providers, enterprises and government agencies. Eutelsat's satellites provide ubiquitous coverage of Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia-Pacific and the Americas, enabling video, data, broadband and government communications to be established irrespective of a user's location. Headquartered in Paris, with offices and teleports around the globe, Eutelsat represents a workforce of 1,000 men and women from 32 countries who are experts in their fields and work with clients to deliver the highest quality of service.

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