

## **Eutelsat America Corp. to participate in NASA's Space Relay Partnership and Services Study**

***Eutelsat America Corp. is one of the companies selected to carry out a study on the use of commercial satellites for NASA's future communications and navigation services***

**Paris, 16 May 2019** – Eutelsat America Corp., a subsidiary of Eutelsat Communications (Euronext Paris: ETL), has been selected by NASA for the Next Space Technologies for Exploration Partnerships-2 (NextSTEP-2) as part of the NASA Space Relay Partnership and Services Study.

The NextSTEP-2 programme seeks to establish partnerships with US companies to evaluate the incorporation of commercial elements into the future space relay services that will be provided by the agency's Space Communications and Navigation (SCaN) Networks.

This first stage, for which Eutelsat America Corp. has been selected, is a five-month study that will examine how relay communications and navigation services can be provided on commercial platform solutions based on standards interoperable across commercial and NASA networks. The study will determine the elements required to incorporate NASA's optical technology onto commercial spacecraft. This project could open the door to the use of Public-Private Partnerships to develop and introduce new operational capabilities for future use by NASA.

David Bair, CEO of Eutelsat America Corp., said: *"We are delighted to have been selected for this study by NASA as they evaluate partnerships with commercial operators across the industry to foster the growth of the commercial satellite communications relay services market. This project could benefit future NASA missions for new and greater scientific discovery, in alignment with the NASA envisioned Next Generation Architecture. We look forward to the success of this initial stage and to continuing to work with NASA as this project grows."*

### **About Eutelsat Communications**

Founded in 1977, Eutelsat Communications is one of the world's leading satellite operators. With a global fleet of satellites and associated ground infrastructure, Eutelsat enables clients across Video, Data, Government, Fixed and Mobile Broadband markets to communicate effectively to their customers, irrespective of their location. Over 7,000 television channels operated by leading media groups are broadcast by Eutelsat to one billion viewers equipped for DTH reception or connected to terrestrial networks. Headquartered in Paris, with offices and teleports around the globe, Eutelsat assembles 1,000 men and women from 46 countries who are dedicated to delivering the highest quality of service.

Eutelsat Communications is listed on the Euronext Paris Stock Exchange (ticker: ETL).

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