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EUTELSAT CONFIRMS FULL RESTORATION OF SERVICES AT 16 DEGREES EAST POSITION

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Working in close collaboration with clients, Eutelsat Communications (Euronext Paris: ETL) confirms that all services affected by the anomaly which occurred in the evening of January 27 on the W2 satellite are now fully restored at 16° East.

Services are running normally using capacity on three satellites collocated at 16° East: EUROBIRD™ 16 which has been operating at this position since April 2009, W2M which was deployed at the beginning of January to 16° East in order to enter commercial service, and SESAT 1 which arrived on January 28 following the completion of its commercial mission at 36° East after the entry into service of W7.

In parallel to these manoeuvres, W2 has been placed in secure standby mode in order for Eutelsat and the satellite's manufacturer, Thales Alenia Space, to carry out a full investigation into the anomaly.

About Eutelsat Communications

Eutelsat Communications (Euronext Paris: ETL, ISIN code: FR0010221234) is the holding company of Eutelsat S.A.. With capacity commercialised on 27 satellites that provide coverage over the entire European continent, as well as the Middle East, Africa, India and significant parts of Asia and the Americas, Eutelsat is one of the world's three leading satellite operators in terms of revenues. At 30 September 2009, Eutelsat's satellites were broadcasting 3,300 television channels and 1,100 radio stations. More than 1,000 channels broadcast via its HOT BIRD™ video neighbourhood at 13 degrees East which serves over 123 million cable and satellite homes in Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. The Group's satellites also serve a wide range of fixed and mobile telecommunications services, TV contribution markets, corporate networks, and broadband markets for Internet Service Providers and for transport, maritime and in-flight markets. Eutelsat's broadband subsidiary, Skylogic, markets and operates services through teleports in France and Italy that serve enterprises, local communities, government agencies and aid organisations in Europe, Africa, Asia and the Americas. Headquartered in Paris, Eutelsat and its subsidiaries employ 615 commercial, technical and operational employees from 28 countries.

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