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## ACS ANGOLA CONSOLIDATES EUTELSAT RELATIONSHIP WITH NEW CAPACITY ON W7 SATELLITE TO SUPPORT HIGH GROWTH MARKET FOR DATA COMMUNICATIONS

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Eutelsat Communications (Euronext Paris: ETL) and ACS Angola, one of the country's leading suppliers of IT solutions and corporate network connectivity, have concluded a five-year contract for capacity on Eutelsat's W7 satellite. The new contract was announced by both companies at the Satcom Africa conference and exhibition which begins today in Johannesburg.

Launched in November 2009, W7 is Africa's newest satellite resource, providing high-power coverage in the Ku-band of a vast region taking in all countries in sub-Saharan Africa. ACS Angola's new lease, for 45 MHz of capacity, boosts resources already deployed since 2005 on Eutelsat's W3A satellite. It will enable the company to expand its commercial service to public agencies as well as businesses operating in the energy, financial and manufacturing industries across Angola.

Commenting on the importance of the new deal, Edgar Martins, General Manager of ACS said: "Expanding the services that we have been providing to the business community in Angola, both for VoIP and data communications was very important for ACS and this new deal with Eutelsat made it possible. For this reason, the new W7 satellite is an important asset for ACS."

Olivier Milliès-Lacroix, Eutelsat Commercial Director said: "The capacity, reach and performance of W7 further anchors satellites as a core technology for broadcast services, enterprise networks and Internet connectivity across Africa, responding to national requirements such as those of ACS Angola, as well as international needs. We are delighted to take our business relationship with ACS Angola to a new level through this additional long term lease."

## **About Eutelsat Communications**

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