

## **HORIZON SATELLITE SERVICES BOOSTS CAPACITY WITH EUTELSAT FOR INCREASED BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY IN MIDDLE EAST AND CENTRAL ASIA**

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Eutelsat Communications (Euronext Paris: ETL), one of the world's leading satellite operators, today announced new agreements with telecommunications service provider Horizon Satellite Services for capacity on Eutelsat's W2A, W6 and EUROBIRD™ 4A satellites. The agreements further strengthen partner relations between the two companies that were initiated in 2003 with capacity leased on the W5 satellite, and which now extend to the equivalent of over 15 transponders.

Headquartered in Dubai, Horizon Satellite Services is the regional leader specialised in the provision of direct access to Tier-one Internet backbones for Internet Service Providers, enterprises and government procurement services operating in the Middle East Africa and Asia.

“From the outset, Horizon Satellite Services selected Eutelsat satellites to provide Internet backbone connectivity for ISPs operating in the Middle East and Central Asia, including Afghanistan and Iraq”, said Hisham A. Ansari, Managing Director of Horizon Satellite Services. “We are excited by the prospects of Eutelsat’s future KA-SAT, W5A and W6A satellites so we can continue to respond to the tremendous demand for broadband connectivity in our principal target locations.”

“Satellites offer a compelling solution for cost-effective direct access to the Internet backbone, cutting through geographic barriers and local infrastructure,” said Andrew Wallace, Eutelsat Chief Commercial Officer. “We are delighted to further consolidate our relationship with Horizon Satellite Services whose commitment to quality and innovation is a hallmark for satellite-based IP services. This new capacity contract anchors our presence in regions offering some of the most exciting opportunities for Eutelsat's ongoing development.”

### **About Horizon Satellite Services**

Horizon Satellite Services (Horizon) is a leading satellite service provider in the Middle East, Africa and Asia. Offering a broad range of services that include wide area network solutions for data transfer, Internet backbone connectivity, satellite-based ISDN solutions, VoIP handling services & GSM Backhauling. Horizon continues to increase its presence in the Middle Eastern, African and Asian markets through the implementation of new technologies and diversification of offerings that also include shared service Broadband solutions for VNOs.

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### **About Eutelsat Communications**

Eutelsat Communications (Euronext Paris: ETL, ISIN code: FR0010221234) is the holding company of Eutelsat S.A.. With capacity commercialised on 26 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 June 2010, Eutelsat's satellites were broadcasting more than 3,600 television channels. More than 1,100 channels broadcast via its HOT BIRD™ video neighbourhood at 13 degrees East which serves over 120 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 access to high speed internet 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 nearly 661 commercial, technical and operational employees from 28 countries.

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