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EUTELSAT AND ARIANESPACE PURSUE LONGSTANDING PARTNERSHIP WITH NEW CONTRACT FOR SATELLITE LAUNCH IN 2012

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Continuing a 28-year relationship marked by 25 launch campaigns, Eutelsat Communications (Euronext Paris: ETL) and Arianespace today announced they have concluded a new contract for a satellite launch in the 2012 period.

The contract, signed in December 2010, for an Ariane 5 launch from the Guiana Space Centre, provides Eutelsat with launch diversity and schedule assurance for its significant in-orbit expansion programme of six satellites to be launched by mid-2013.

Commenting on this latest contract, Arianespace Chairman and CEO Jean-Yves Le Gall said: "I particularly wish to thank Eutelsat for their continued confidence in our services. Arianespace is very proud of the preferred partnership we have built with Eutelsat over more than a quarter of a century. This contract is our 26th with Eutelsat, one of the world's leading satellite operators, and further evidence of the outstanding service and solutions offered by Arianespace."

Eutelsat CEO, Michel de Rosen, added: "With two thirds of our satellites launched by Arianespace, Eutelsat has been able to consistently count on their capacity for delivering reliability, flexibility and on-time performance. This mission for 2012 is a new marker in a solid and longstanding relationship between our two companies, enabling Eutelsat to pursue our objective to renew and expand the resources and quality of service we provide to our customers."

About Arianespace

Arianespace is the world's leading launch service & solutions company, providing innovation to its customers since 1980. Backed by 21 shareholders and the European Space Agency, Arianespace offers an unrivalled family of launchers, comprising Ariane 5, Soyuz and Vega, and an international workforce renowned for a culture of commitment and excellence. As of 01 January 2011, Arianespace had launched with Ariane launchers a total of 289 payloads, including more than half of all the commercial satellites now in service worldwide. It has a backlog of 21 Ariane 5 and 18 Soyuz launches, equal to more than three years of business.

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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 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 2010, Eutelsat's satellites were broadcasting more than 3,700 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 660 commercial, technical and operational staff from 28 countries.

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