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## RUSSIAN SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY AND EUTELSAT TO PARTNER ON BROADBAND SERVICES IN RUSSIA USING THE NEW KA-SAT SATELLITE

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Eutelsat Communications (Euronext Paris: ETL) and the Russian Satellite Communications Company (RSCC), Russia's state satellite operator, today announced they will partner on the commercialisation of broadband and data network services in Russia using Eutelsat's new KA-SAT High Throughput Satellite.

Launched in December 2010 and on track to shortly go into full commercial service, KA-SAT is a breakthrough pan-European infrastructure which will support the Tooway<sup>™</sup> broadband service provided by Eutelsat's Skylogic affiliate. Within the framework of the partnership, RSCC will be the main partner of Skylogic to commercialise Tooway<sup>™</sup> services in European regions of the Russian Federation.

At the SVIAZ Expocomm conference and exhibition in Moscow, which closed its doors on Friday May 13, Eutelsat and RSCC unveiled the enhanced performance and speed of the Tooway<sup>TM</sup> broadband service with the first live demonstration via KA-SAT.

Yuri Prokhorov, RSCC Director General stated: "We are delighted to further enhance our strategic partnership with Eutelsat and are confident that our co-operation will allow us to take satellite broadband services for Russian state and private customers to new levels of quality, and will initiate the market for advanced development of Ka-band networks on the satellites now on order by RSCC."

Michel de Rosen, Eutelsat CEO, responded: "By combining the performance of KA-SAT with the market expertise and reputation of RSCC, we are creating a powerful platform for the development of broadband access services for users in Russia. We look forward to collaborating with RSCC on solutions that enable Russian users to access the full benefits of broadband."

## **About the Russian Satellite Communications Company**

Russian Satellite Communications Company is the Russian national satellite communications operator, whose satellites provide global coverage. The company was formed in 1967 and is one of the ten largest satellite operators worldwide in terms of the size of its orbiting frequency resources. RSCC owns Russia's largest satellite constellation. Areas served by RSCC satellites, which are in orbit at points from 14° W to 140° E, cover all of Russia, the CIS countries, Europe, the Near East, Africa, the Asia-Pacific Region, North and South America, and Australia.

As Russia's national satellite communications operator, RSCC handles important national tasks, supporting mobile presidential and government communications, transmitting federal TV and radio signals throughout Russia and most of the world. The company actively participates in implementing priority national projects. RSCC closely interacts with the Russian state authorities in the development of information and telecommunications systems for communications and broadcasting. RSCC provides a full range of communications and broadcasting services using its own terrestrial equipment and satellite constellation, including modern Express-AM, Express-MD, Express-A, and Bonum-1 satellites and some French W4 satellite capacity. The company's satellites provide extensive capabilities to establish TV and radio broadcasting including DTH, IPTV, and MPEG-4 services, broadband Internet access, data transmission, videoconferencing, and deployment of VSAT networks and departmental and corporative communications networks worldwide. The company has a modern terrestrial satellite control system, which it uses to control not only its own satellites, but those of Eutelsat, Intelsat, and others as well.

The company includes five satellite communications centers (SCC): Dubna, Bear Lakes, Skolkovo, Zheleznogorsk, Khabarovsk and the Shabolovka Technical Center in Moscow and its own high-speed optical-fiber digital network. <a href="https://www.rscc.ru">www.rscc.ru</a>

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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 31 December 2010, Eutelsat's satellites were broadcasting more than 3,700 television channels to over 200 million cable and satellite homes in Europe, the Middle East and 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 683 commercial, technical and operational employees from 28 countries.

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