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Eutelsat Communications to propose appointment of two new independent Board members at General Assembly of 8 November

Paris, 24 October 2012 – At the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of Eutelsat Communications (Euronext Paris: ETL) on 8 November 2012, shareholders will be invited to vote on the appointment of two new independent Board members: Miriem Bensalah Chaqroun, a Moroccan national, and Elisabetta Oliveri, an Italian national.

Miriam Bensalah Chaqroun is a Director of the Holmarcom Group and CEO of its largest subsidiary, Les Eaux Minérales d'Oulmès, specialised in water and bottling. In May 2012, she became the first woman to head Morocco's employers' union, the *Confédération Générale des Entreprises du Maroc* and the first woman appointed to this position in the MENA region. She is also a board member of the National Central and Reserve Bank of Morocco (Bank Al Maghrib) and Chairwoman of the Euro-Mediterranean Center of Mediation and Arbitration (CEMA).

Elisabetta Oliveri is CEO of Gruppo Fabbri Vignola, an industrial and international leader in machines and films for the food packaging sector. Her previous executive positions have included CEO of the SIRTI group, the Italian leader in network engineering, and Business Development Manager at Marconi. She is also a Board member of Gruppo Editoriale L'Espresso, Azienda Trasporti Milano and SNAM (ENI Group).

The addition of these two nominees to the Eutelsat Board of Directors would increase its number to ten, of which three women and six independent directors of five different nationalities, thereby confirming the Group's commitment to gender and cultural diversity.

About Eutelsat Communications

Eutelsat Communications (Euronext Paris: ETL, ISIN code: FR0010221234) is the holding company of Eutelsat S.A. With capacity commercialised on 29 satellites that provide coverage across Europe, as well as the Middle East, Africa and significant parts of Asia and the Americas, Eutelsat is one of the world's three leading satellite operators. As of 30 June 2012 Eutelsat's satellites were broadcasting more than 4,250 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 high speed Internet services through teleports in France and Italy that serve consumers, enterprises, local communities, government agencies and aid organisations in Europe, Africa, Asia and the Americas. Headquartered in Paris, Eutelsat and its subsidiaries employ just over 750 commercial, technical and operational professionals. This culturally diverse staff comprises employees from 30 countries. www.eutelsat.com

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