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Eutelsat Satellite Finder launched to support drive for highest signal quality

Paris, 17 June 2013 – Eutelsat Communications (Euronext Paris: ETL) has launched Eutelsat Satellite Finder a unique easy-to-use tool for accurate pointing of satellite antennas for consumers, installers, VSAT operators as well as news agencies, broadcasters and service operators carrying out newsgathering operations. The new application - available on iOS and Android driven devices - is available for all Eutelsat satellites. It underscores Eutelsat's drive for the highest signal quality and improved data throughput for satellite users, following on from its pioneering support and adoption of the Carrier ID initiative to enable the identification of satellite transmissions.

Eutelsat Satellite Finder assembles a full set of basic parameters for exact antenna pointing, from elevation and azimuth angles to line of sight and optimal polarization angles. For smartphones and tablets not equipped with a GPS module, locations can be determined via Google Maps for automatic identification of longitude and latitude needed for precise calculations of azimuth and elevation angles. Using augmented reality, the app shows a given location with a general pointing direction while the tilt sensors of smartphones and tablets guide users towards the exact alignment. In order to help visualise the line of sight, the app also uses the built-in camera of a device to display a satellite.

With Eutelsat Satellite Finder, Eutelsat is extending across its entire fleet the 'KA-SAT Finder' application launched in 2012 to support accurate installations of Tooway antennas and 'Fransat Assistance' for users in France receiving the platform of French digital channels broadcast by EUTELSAT 5 West A.

The app is available free of charge at iTunes and Google Play, tagged as Eutelsat Satellite Finder.

About Eutelsat Communications (www.eutelsat.com)

With capacity commercialised on 31 satellites delivering reach of Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, significant parts of the Americas and the Asia-Pacific, Eutelsat Communications (Euronext Paris: ETL, ISIN code: FR0010221234) is one of the world's leading satellite operators. As of 31 March 2013, Eutelsat's satellites were broadcasting more than 4,600 television channels to over 200 million cable and satellite homes in Europe, the Middle East and Africa. The Group's satellites also provide a wide range of services for TV contribution, corporate networks and fixed and mobile broadband markets. Headquartered in Paris, Eutelsat and its subsidiaries employ over 780 commercial, technical and operational professionals from 30 countries.

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