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ILS AND SES ANNOUNCE LAUNCH AGREEMENT FOR QUETZSAT-1 SATELLITE IN 2011

Reston, VA / Luxembourg, July 14, 2009 – ILS International Launch Services (ILS) and SES (Euronext Paris and Luxembourg Stock Exchange: SESE) today announced the execution of an agreement for the launch of QuetzSat-1 on a Proton booster in 2011. QuetzSat-1 is under construction by Space Systems/Loral on behalf of SES Satellite Leasing Limited in the Isle of Man.

QuetzSat-1, built by Space Systems/Loral on the flight-proven SS/L 1300 platform, is a high power Ku-band satellite that will be located at the orbital position of 77 degrees West. QuetzSat-1 will provide coverage over Mexico, North America and Central America. The satellite is fully contracted to a subsidiary of EchoStar Corporation (NASDAQ: SATS) and will be used in part by Dish Mexico, an EchoStar joint venture, for DTH services in Mexico. It is further expected that EchoStar and its Satellite Services division will provide capacity on QuetzSat-1 to a subsidiary of DISH Network Corporation (NASDAQ: DISH) for use in connection with its U.S. DTH business.

Frank McKenna, President of ILS said, "ILS is dedicated to the success of SES and its customer, EchoStar, with the selection of ILS Proton to launch QuetzSat-1. This is the fourth SES satellite entrusted to ILS this year, and we look forward to providing outstanding quality, service and schedule assurance to support the continued growth of the SES satellite fleet."

"We are pleased that ILS is partnering with SES, Space Systems/Loral and EchoStar in the Quetzsat-1 mission and look forward to a flawless, on-time and on-spec launch for QuetzSat-1 with ILS Proton," said Martin Halliwell, President of SES ENGINEERING, the procurement and operations division of SES.

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About ILS and Khrunichev

ILS is a world leader in providing mission and launch services for global satellite operators and offers a complete array of services and support, from contract signing through mission management and on-orbit delivery. ILS has exclusive rights to market the Proton vehicle and is a U.S. company headquartered in Reston, Va., near Washington, D.C. For more information, visit www.ilslaunch.com. Khrunichev, which holds the majority interest in ILS, is one of the cornerstones of the Russian space industry. Khrunichev manufactures the Proton system and is developing the Angara launch system. The Proton launches from facilities at the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, and has a heritage of over 340 missions since 1965. Khrunichev includes among its branches a number of key manufacturers of launch vehicle and spacecraft components in Moscow and in other cities of the Russian Federation. For more information, visit www.khrunichev.com.

About SES

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