

## PRESS RELEASE

## ND SATCOM AWARDED CONTRACT BY U.S. NAVY SPAWAR FOR PORTABLE SATCOM TERMINALS

## High quality terminals to be provided for U.S. Navy / ND SatCom secures U.S. defence contractor status

Betzdorf (Luxembourg), 30 May 2008. – SES ASTRA, an SES company (Euronext Paris and Luxembourg Stock Exchange: SESG), announced today that its subsidiary ND SatCom has been selected as a prime contractor for the U.S. Department of the Navy, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center (SPAWAR) in Charleston, South Carolina. The contract establishes a framework for ND SatCom to deliver multiple portable Satellite Communication (Satcom) Terminals to the U.S. Navy. The company's potential share of the contract award could reach up to approximately USD 51 million in the first year, with the opportunity to secure orders totalling USD 289 million over five years, if all options are exercised. In total, seven different companies were selected to contribute to the programme. The initial requirements and delivery schedules are currently being determined.

Christopher Morris, President and CEO of ND SatCom, Inc. in the U.S. said: "The importance of this contract is that, for the first time in our history, we now have the status of being a recognised defence contractor in the U.S., which will complement our existing and successful installations with other government entities in our served market. This represents a milestone achievement for ND SatCom in the U.S. market, and demonstrates our commitment to supplying high quality terminals for the government and military."

ND SatCom's presence in the Americas region consists of sales and service offices in Dallas Miami, Washington D.C., Montreal and Mexico City. In Dallas, ND SatCom operates a stateof-the-art facility built specifically for the design, integration and testing of both fixed and mobile satellite earth terminals.

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## About SES ASTRA

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SES ASTRA is the leading Direct-to-Home (DTH) satellite system in Europe. The satellite fleet currently comprises 14 ASTRA and two SIRIUS satellites. The combined satellite system delivers services to more than 117 million DTH and cable households and transmits a total of 2,295 analogue and digital television and radio channels. SES ASTRA also provides satellite-based multimedia, internet and telecommunication services to enterprises, governments and their agencies. With 34 High Definition (HD) channels available via its satellites today, ASTRA and SIRIUS represent the most important HDTV broadcasting platform in Europe. The prime orbital positions for ASTRA and SIRIUS are 19.2° East, 28.2° East, 23.5° East, 5° East and 31.5° East.

SES ASTRA is an SES company (Euronext Paris and Luxembourg Stock Exchange: SESG). SES owns three market-leading satellite operators, SES ASTRA in Europe, SES AMERICOM in North America, and SES NEW SKIES which provides global coverage and connectivity. The company owns 90 percent of SES SIRIUS in Europe, as well as strategic participations in Ciel in Canada and Quetzsat in Mexico. SES provides

outstanding satellite communications solutions via a fleet of 38 satellites in 25 orbital positions around the globe. Additional information on SES is available at: <a href="http://www.ses.com">www.ses.com</a>.