

## PRESS RELEASE

### **NSS-12 SATELLITE OF SES WORLD SKIES GOES LIVE**

#### **41<sup>st</sup> spacecraft in global SES fleet enters commercial service**

The Hague – January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - SES WORLD SKIES, a division of SES S.A. (Euronext Paris and Luxembourg Stock Exchange: SESG), announces that the NSS-12 satellite has entered commercial service at the orbital location of 57 degrees East. The NSS-12 satellite is the 41<sup>st</sup> spacecraft in SES' global fleet.

NSS-12 was successfully launched onboard an Ariane 5 rocket on October 29, 2009. The spacecraft replaces NSS-703 at a key orbital location at the crossroads of Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia and Australia. All traffic on NSS-703 has been transferred to NSS-12.

Rob Bednarek, President and CEO of SES WORLD SKIES, stated: "NSS-12 ensures seamless continuity for our valued customers at the important orbital position of 57 degrees East. The satellite provides significant incremental capacity to serve the fast growing South Asian and East African markets. As such, it is an integral part of our ambitious launch manifest aimed at increasing the in-orbit capacity of our 25 satellite strong SES WORLD SKIES fleet. And much like the recent 'in-orbit' acquisition of the Protostar-2 satellite, NSS-12 is a testimony to SES' dedication to providing state-of-the-art satellite capacity to support our customers in growing their businesses."

NSS-12 delivers DTH (Direct-To-Home) power and performance through four regional Ku-band spot beams over the Middle East, Europe, Central and Southern Asia and, for the first time, Eastern Africa. The satellite's high-capacity, high-power C-band hemispheric beams – one covering Europe, Africa (including Mauritius) and the Middle East, and the other stretching across Asia to Australia – have been augmented by a powerful C-band global beam spanning from the UK to the Far East. The satellite reaches an estimated two-thirds of the world's population. It features 40 C-band transponders and 48 Ku-band transponders with DTH power levels, as well as elaborate beam interconnectivity and C/Ku-band cross-strapping. The NSS-12 spacecraft was manufactured by Space Systems/Loral (SSL), a subsidiary of Loral Space & Communications.

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### **About SES WORLD SKIES**

SES WORLD SKIES is the new global division of SES, created through the combination of the former SES NEW SKIES and SES AMERICOM. The company operates a fleet of 25 satellites - part of the 41 spacecraft of the SES group - delivering services as diverse as television distribution and broadcast, internet access, data transmission and business and government communications to customers worldwide. SES WORLD SKIES currently has five additional satellites under construction. The company's unique customer-focused approach allows it to offer the best satellite solutions for a host of business and government requirements, with a view toward helping customers meet their short-term challenges and realize their longer-term goals. SES WORLD SKIES comprises a world-class team of customer care and technical professionals located in Princeton (NJ), The Hague, Washington D.C., Singapore, Beijing, London, Sao Paulo, Mexico City, Sydney, Accra and Johannesburg. Visit [www.ses.com](http://www.ses.com) for more information.

### **About SES**

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