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### PROTOSTAR II ACQUISITION CLOSED

### SATELLITE TO BE INTEGRATED INTO SES WORLD SKIES' SATELLITE FLEET AS SES-7

## New DTH capacity at growing SES Neighborhood in Asia

The Hague – May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - SES WORLD SKIES, a division of SES S.A. (Euronext Paris and Luxembourg Stock Exchange: SESG), today announced that, following receipt of the required regulatory approval, SES has closed its acquisition of the ProtoStar II satellite and is now preparing to integrate it into its global fleet.

SES was the successful bidder for ProtoStar II during a public auction held on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The spacecraft, launched in May 2009, has been renamed SES-7, and will be redeployed to the orbital position of 108.2 degrees East to provide incremental capacity in South Asia and the Asia-Pacific region. At 108.2 degrees East, SES-7 will be co-positioned with NSS-11, which is already home to a thriving neighborhood. With two satellites at this same location, SES WORLD SKIES can offer in-orbit redundancy to customers whose networks require additional resilience. With its high-power Ku-band payload and switchable beams, SES-7 offers expansion capacity for a range of Direct-to-Home (DTH) and enterprise services across the Asia-Pacific region.

SES-7, built by Boeing, carries 22 physical Ku-band transponders as well as 10 S-band transponders. The S-band payload will be fully utilized by MCI Indovision, the market-leading DTH platform operator in Indonesia, which has an option to fully acquire the payload for the 15 year expected life of the satellite. SES WORLD SKIES is working with MCI on the transition of SES-7 from its current orbital location to 108.2 degrees East.

Following the successful launch of the SES-1 satellite on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010, SES-7 will be the 43<sup>rd</sup> satellite in the global SES fleet.

States Rob Bednarek, President and CEO of SES WORLD SKIES: "The acquisition of SES-7 is another example of our laser-like focus on growing new markets for the SES group and our customer-centric approach. Given the scarcity of capacity and spectrum in many emerging markets, particularly in South Asia, SES WORLD SKIES is constantly looking for innovative ways to help support customers' requirements for growth."

### **About SES WORLD SKIES in Asia**

SES WORLD SKIES currently serves the Asia-Pacific region with four satellites, namely: NSS-12 at 57° East, NSS-6 at 95° East, NSS-11 at 108.2° East and NSS-9 at 183° East. SES-7, to be co-located with NSS-11 at 108.2 degrees East, will help serve burgeoning demand for capacity in South Asia as well as providing inter-satellite back-up.

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### **About SES WORLD SKIES**

SES WORLD SKIES is the new division of SES, created through the combination of the former SES NEW SKIES and SES AMERICOM. The company operates a fleet of 27 satellites - part of the 43 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 four 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 <a href="www.ses.com">www.ses.com</a> for more information.

#### **About SES**

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