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## **SES WORLD SKIES SIGNS C-BAND CAPACITY DEAL WITH ARTEL**

MCLEAN, VA – January 26, 2011 – SES WORLD SKIES U.S. Government Solutions announced today that they received an order under the U.S. Government’s new \$5 billion Future Commercial SATCOM Acquisition (FCSA) program to provide C-band capacity to Artel Inc. for support of government initiatives.

The contract includes two 36 MHz C-band transponders on an SES satellite covering the North American region and represents the first FCSA contract for the global satellite operator.

Through the agreement with Artel, SES’ capacity will be used to provide continuous access to satellite communications in support of the U.S. Air Force’s Space Test and Training Range.

Tip Osterthaler, President and CEO of SES WORLD SKIES U.S. Government Solutions remarked, “One of our first contracts with the U.S. Government was with the Air Force in 1975. As a proud contributor to Air Force communications for over 35 years, it’s with great pleasure that we’re able to offer our capacity to Artel as our first agreement under the new FCSA program.”

### **About SES WORLD SKIES U.S. Government Solutions**

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SES WORLD SKIES U.S. Government Solutions, a subsidiary of SES WORLD SKIES, is exclusively focused on meeting the satellite communications needs of the U.S. Government. Leveraging more than three decades of experience in the government SATCOM market, SES WORLD SKIES U.S. Government Solutions offers robust and secure satellite-based communications solutions. Supported by SES’ fleet of 44 satellites offering comprehensive global coverage, SES WORLD SKIES U.S. Government Solutions offers highly reliable fixed and on-the-move capacity.

### **About SES WORLD SKIES**

SES WORLD SKIES, a division of SES, operates a fleet of 27 satellites - part of the 44 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 [www.ses.com](http://www.ses.com) for more information.

## **About SES**

SES (Euronext Paris and Luxembourg Stock Exchange: SESG) wholly owns the market-leading satellite operators SES ASTRA and SES WORLD SKIES and participations in Ciel in Canada and QuetzSat in Mexico, as well as a strategic participation in satellite infrastructure start-up O3b Networks. SES provides outstanding satellite communications solutions via a global fleet of 44 satellites. For further information: [www.ses.com](http://www.ses.com).

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