

## Press release

### SES-2 SATELLITE SCHEDULED FOR LAUNCH TOMORROW

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Luxembourg, September 19, 2011 – SES S.A. (Euronext Paris and Luxembourg Stock Exchange: SESE) announces that the launch of its new satellite SES-2 is scheduled for tomorrow night, September 20, 2011. The satellite will be launched into space from the Guiana Space Centre in French Guiana on board an Ariane 5 ECA rocket between 18:38 and 20:02 pm local time (17:38 – 19:02 EDT; 23:38 – 01:02 on September 20-21, 2011 Central European Summer Time).

The SES-2 spacecraft, manufactured by Orbital Sciences Corporation, is based on Orbital's space-proven Star 2.4 platform and carries 24 C-Band transponders and 24 Ku-Band transponders (36 MHz equivalents). The satellite generates approximately five kilowatts of payload power, and features a design life of 15 years. SES-2 will replace SES' AMC-3 spacecraft at 87 degrees West and provide coverage of North America and the Caribbean.

The state-of-the-art spacecraft also carries the Commercially Hosted Infrared Payload (CHIRP) sensor specially developed for the US government for testing purposes.

In North America the live video of the launch is available on AMC-3 at 87 degrees West, downlink frequency 3780.0 MHz, vertical polarization, service ID 128538.

In Europe, the video broadcast of the launch is available via ASTRA's orbital position 19.2 degrees East, transponder 1.037, downlink frequency 11023.25 Mhz, horizontal polarisation, symbol rate 22.0 MSym/s, FEC 5/6, service ID 5232, service name SES-2 Launch.

A webcast is available via [www.arianespace.com](http://www.arianespace.com). The video of the launch of SES-2 will begin approximately 20 minutes before liftoff.

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#### About SES

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SES stands for long-lasting business relationships, high-quality service and excellence in the broadcasting industry. The culturally diverse regional teams of SES are located around the globe and work closely with customers to meet their specific satellite bandwidth and service requirements.

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