

## Press release

### SES SHAREHOLDERS HOLD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### Dividend of EUR 0.97 per share approved

#### **Mrs. Tsega Gebreyes, Mr. Romain Bausch and Mr. Marc Colas elected new Members of the Board of Directors**

Luxembourg, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 - At their Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in Betzdorf, Luxembourg today, shareholders of SES S.A. (Euronext Paris and Luxembourg Stock Exchange: SESG) passed all resolutions put to the meeting.

The AGM notably approved the company's 2012 accounts and the proposed dividend of EUR 0.97 per A-share, which will be paid to shareholders and holders of SES FDRs on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Shareholders also elected Mrs. Tsega Gebreyes, Mr. Romain Bausch and Mr. Marc Colas as new members of the Board in replacement of Mr. Gaston Reinesch, Mr. Robert W. Ross and Mr. Terry Seddon, three long-standing Board members who did not stand up for re-election.

Mrs. Tsega Gebreyes is the Founding Director of Satya Capital Limited. She served as Chief Business Development and Strategy Officer of Celtel International BV and Senior Advisor to Zain. She was also Founding Partner of the New Africa Opportunity Fund, LLP (re-named Zeypher Opportunity Fund LLP) and has worked with Mc Kinsey and Citicorp. Mrs Gebreyes is a director of Hygeia Nigeria Limited and Satya Capital Limited. She has a double major in Economics and International Studies from Rhodes College and holds an MBA from Harvard Business School. Mrs Gebreyes is an Ethiopian national. She will be an independent director at SES.

Mr. Romain Bausch is the President and Chief Executive Officer of SES since 1995, following a career in the Luxembourg civil service (Ministry of Finance). Before joining SES as its chief executive, Mr Bausch occupied key positions in the banking, media and telecommunications sectors and spent a five-year term as a Director and Vice Chairman of SES. Mr Bausch also serves as a Director of Fedil – Business Federation Luxembourg and is a member of the Boards of Directors of Aperam, BIP Investment Partners and Compagnie Financière La Luxembourgeoise. He graduated with a degree in economics (specialisation in business administration) from the University of Nancy. He holds an honorary doctorate from the Sacred Heart University in Luxembourg. Mr Bausch is a Luxembourg national.

Mr. Marc Colas is the general secretary of the Council of Ministers of the Luxembourg Government since 2004 and he is Administrateur Général in the Prime Minister's Office. Prior to that, he has held several positions in the Luxembourg civil service (Ministry of Finance, Ministry for the Civil Service and Administrative Reform, Interior Ministry and Prime Minister's Office). From 2001-2006, Mr Colas was a member of the Audit Committee

of the European Investment Bank. He is also a member of the Board of Oeuvre Nationale de Secours Grand-Duchesse Charlotte. Mr Colas graduated with a degree in law from the University of Strasbourg and holds a double Master of Business Administration (Finance and Marketing) from the Richard T. Farmer School of Business from the University of Oxford (Ohio). Mr. Colas is a Luxembourg national.

Following the shareholders' meeting, the new Board of Directors elected Mr. René Steichen as Chairman and Mr. François Tesch and Mr. Jean-Paul Zens as Vice Chairmen.

Mr. René Steichen, Chairman of the Board of SES, stated: "We welcome Tsega Gebreyes, Romain Bausch and Marc Colas to the Board of Directors of SES. Their experience and business acumen will be valuable for the continued growth of our business in the developed as well as in the emerging markets. At the same time we thank our long-standing Board members Gaston Reinesch, Terry Seddon and Bob Ross for their continuous support and their fundamental contribution to the success of SES."

A copy of the 2012 Annual Report of SES is available for download at: [www.ses.com](http://www.ses.com)

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### **About SES**

SES is a world-leading satellite operator with a fleet of 52 geostationary satellites. The company provides satellite communications services to broadcasters, content and internet service providers, mobile and fixed network operators and business and governmental organisations worldwide.

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.

SES (Euronext Paris and Luxembourg Stock Exchange: SESG) holds participations in Ciel in Canada and QuetzSat in Mexico, as well as a strategic participation in satellite infrastructure start-up O3b Networks. Further information under: [www.ses.com](http://www.ses.com)