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SES NEW SKIES' NSS-9 SATELLITE ARRIVES IN KOUROU FOR FEBRUARY 12 LAUNCH ON ARIANE-5

The Hague, January 19th, 2009 - SES NEW SKIES, an SES company (Euronext Paris and Luxembourg Stock Exchange: SESG) announces that its NSS-9 satellite has safely arrived at the European spaceport in Kourou, French Guiana, onboard an Antonov cargo plane. The NSS-9 spacecraft, manufactured by Orbital Sciences Corporation (NYSE: ORB), will now be readied for launch onboard an Ariane 5 booster, scheduled for take off on February 12, 2009. The launch window for NSS-9 onboard Ariane 5 opens at 22:09 GMT time.

The NSS-9 spacecraft will be positioned at the orbital location of 183 degrees East, carries 44 active C-band transponders, and features three beams that can interconnect on a transponder-by-transponder basis: A global beam providing coverage of the entire earth visible from 183 degrees East; a West Hemi beam (covering Australia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Japan, China, Korea and the Pacific Islands); and an East Hemi beam (providing coverage and connectivity to the U.S., Hawaii and Polynesia).

The NSS-9 satellite is specified for a minimum service life of 15 years. Based on Orbital's Star 2 satellite bus, the spacecraft has a launch mass of 2230 kilograms, a payload power of 2.3 kW, and features command encryption as well as key redundant on-board systems to provide maximum operational security.

States Rob Bednarek, President and CEO of SES AMERICOM-NEW SKIES: "NSS-9 is an important spacecraft in our strategy going forward. The new satellite will allow us to provide seamless continuity at 183 degrees East for a wide range of customers including broadcasters, government users, carriers across the Pacific islands and from the maritime industry."

"NSS-9 will free up the NSS-5 satellite to be redeployed to a new orbital location and new missions," said Martin Halliwell, President of SES ENGINEERING. "SES looks forward to another Ariane-5 success as the combined teams of Arianespace, Orbital Sciences and SES go through the NSS-9 launch count down over the next few weeks."

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About SES NEW SKIES

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Headquartered in The Hague, the company has offices in Johannesburg, Sao Paulo, Singapore, Sydney and Washington, D.C. In addition to SES NEW SKIES, SES wholly owns the market-leading satellite operators SES ASTRA in Europe and SES AMERICOM in North America, 90% of SES SIRIUS in Europe, and strategic participations in Ciel in Canada and Quetzsat in Mexico. SES provides outstanding satellite communications solutions via a global fleet of 39 satellites in 26 orbital locations. Further information on the company is available at www.ses-newskies.com and on SES at www.ses.com