

## PRESS RELEASE

### **SES ASTRA SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH NET2 FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF ASTRA2CONNECT IN SPAIN**

Betzdorf (Luxembourg), 22 April 2009. – SES ASTRA, an SES company (Euronext Paris and Luxembourg Stock Exchange: SESG), announced today that it is further expanding the distribution network for its interactive satellite broadband service *ASTRA2Connect* in Europe. The company has signed a second distribution agreement for the Spanish market with the internet service provider Net2.

Net2 will market *ASTRA2Connect* all over the Iberian Peninsula, including the Balearic Islands of Mallorca, Menorca and Ibiza and will offer four different speed packages with download rates of up to 2,048 kbit/s.

*ASTRA2Connect* is an ideal broadband solution for households in regions with limited or no terrestrial broadband infrastructure. The technology offers a highly reliable, always-on, interactive broadband internet access, including internet telephony, for flat service fees. The customer premises equipment – a modem and a satellite dish – is low cost and delivered with a tool for easy self-installation. *ASTRA2Connect* was launched in early 2007 and is now available in fourteen countries throughout Europe. *ASTRA2Connect* is marketed via wholesalers and internet service providers to the residential market.

“Our distribution agreement with Net2 shows again that *ASTRA2Connect* is ideally suited to bridge the digital divide in Europe,” said Norbert Willems, Managing Director of ASTRA Broadband Services. “In Spain, there are still many rural areas in which households have limited or no access to broadband internet and will most likely remain un-served in the future. Access to broadband, on the other hand, is a driver for economic growth and regional wealth. With *ASTRA2Connect*, households in these areas are able to receive a fast and cost-efficient solution to access broadband internet.”

“Net2 is committed to provide cost-effective internet access to those regions in Spain that so far have been excluded from access to high-speed internet,” said Juan Mañosa, Marketing Director of Net2. “Broadband is a necessary element for the economic prosperity of these areas and we are proud to be part of the European initiative that brings internet access to those areas.”

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#### **About SES ASTRA**

SES ASTRA is the leading Direct-to-Home (DTH) satellite system in Europe. The satellite fleet currently comprises 14 ASTRA and two SIRIUS satellites. The combined satellite system delivers services to more than 122 million DTH and cable households and transmits nearly 2,500 analogue and digital television and radio channels. SES ASTRA also provides satellite-based multimedia, internet and telecommunication services to enterprises, governments and their agencies. With nearly 70 High Definition (HD) channels on its main orbital positions, ASTRA and SIRIUS represent the most important HDTV platform for Europe's leading broadcasters. The prime orbital positions for ASTRA and SIRIUS are 19.2° East, 28.2° East, 23.5° East, 5° East and 31.5° East.

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SES ASTRA is an SES company (Euronext Paris and Luxembourg Stock Exchange: SESG). SES owns three market-leading satellite operators, SES ASTRA in Europe, SES AMERICOM in North America, and SES NEW SKIES which provides global coverage and connectivity. The company owns 90 percent of SES SIRIUS in Europe, as well as strategic participations in Ciel in Canada and QuetzSat in Mexico. SES provides outstanding satellite communications solutions via a fleet of 40 satellites in 26 orbital positions around the globe. Additional information on SES is available at: [www.ses.com](http://www.ses.com)

#### **About ASTRA BROADBAND SERVICES (ABBS)**

ABBS is a 100% owned subsidiary of SES ASTRA operating SES ASTRA's new satellite broadband access ASTRA2Connect. ASTRA2Connect is marketed via wholesalers and internet service providers to the residential market. The innovative service offers a highly reliable, always-on, two-way broadband internet access for flat service fees. ASTRA2Connect offers a unique possibility for households in regions without terrestrial broadband connection to access broadband services.

Sold to end-users through domestic service providers in European countries and regions ASTRA2Connect closes the gap between the end user and the broadband technology and provides a high reliable and well performing broadband access service matching local needs.

#### **About Net2**

Net2 was created with the objective to provide all areas of the Iberian Peninsula, including the Balearic Islands, with Internet access using the *Astra2Connect* technology. The company is committed to satisfy the needs of local administrations and first and foremost of those end users of internet who are now excluded from broadband access due to their rural locations.