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SKYLOGIC ITALIA, EUTELSAT'S BROADBAND SUBSIDIARY EXTENDS BROADBAND ACCESS IN TUSCANY TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIONS BEYOND TERRESTRIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

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Skylogic Italia, the broadband subsidiary of Eutelsat Communications (Euronext Paris: ETL) has been awarded a contract by the Region of Tuscany (Italy) to ensure the extension through satellite of a public telematics network to administrations located in regions not connected to terrestrial broadband infrastructure.

The deployment of this turnkey satellite-based network principally concerns communities in mountainous areas and islands off the coast of Tuscany. Up to 90 locations will be connected to the *Rete Telematica Regione Toscana* (RTRT) whose operating centre is in the city of Florence. Skylogic Italia is leading this turnkey programme in collaboration with M.B.I., IcarusNet and Brain Technology. The first 30 terminals have been installed and all locations are scheduled to be equipped by the end of April.

Each administration is being equipped with Skylogic Italia's D-STAR two-way broadband system which comprises a 96cm antenna and an indoor unit the size of DVD player. The terminals will communicate with the RTRT through a satellite connection via Eutelsat's EUROIRD™3 satellite to Skylogic Italia's teleport in Turin, which is connected by a fibre link managed by Brain Technology to the TIX (Tuscany Internet Exchange in Florence). The service will support VPN (Virtual Private Networks) between sites and the TIX for secure access by each municipality to public administration applications. Brain Technology will also provide Internet access to the network while M.B.I will supply, install and provide maintenance services for the D-STAR terminals and IcarusNet, which manages network engineering, will supply hardware and software access to RTRT through a secure VPN.

“The new contract follows the previous selection of Skylogic Italia and Colt to deploy satellite broadband to 120 public administrations and businesses in Italy’s Piedmont Region. The first 20 locations in this programme are already operational,” says Arduino Patacchini, Chairman of Skylogic Italia and Director of Eutelsat’s Multimedia Department. “We are particularly pleased with the collaboration between Skylogic Italia, M.B.I., IcarusNet and Brain Technology, which enables us to offer a turnkey broadband satellite solution, and that this collaboration has won the confidence of the Tuscany region.”

About Skylogic Italia

Based in Turin, north-west Italy, Skylogic Italia operates one of the world’s leading satellite broadband IP platforms. Its operational centre is equipped to offer a complete range of broadband services including content distribution, IP videostreaming, business TV, maritime applications, teleconferencing, remote control of installations, telemedicine, e-learning and Voice over IP. The teleport is connected by fibre to the Internet exchange point in Turin and uses capacity on satellites in Eutelsat’s fleet in order to serve users in Europe, Asia, the Americas and Africa. Skylogic Italia’s customers include small and medium-sized businesses, multinationals, government agencies and aid organisations.

About Eutelsat Communications

Eutelsat Communications (Euronext Paris: ETL, ISIN code: FR0010221234) is the holding company of Eutelsat S.A. The Group is a leading satellite operator with capacity commercialised on 22 satellites providing coverage over the entire European continent, as well as the Middle East, Africa, India and significant parts of Asia and the Americas. With a turnover of € 750 millions in 2004/2005, the Group is one of the world’s three leading satellite operators in terms of revenues. Its satellites are used for broadcasting over 1,700 TV and 860 radio stations to nearly 120 million cable and satellite homes. The Group also provides TV contribution services, corporate networks, mobile positioning and communications, Internet backbone connectivity and broadband access for terrestrial, maritime and in-flight applications. Eutelsat Communications is headquartered in Paris, and the Group’s workforce comprises over 480 employees from 25 countries.

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