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## **SKYLOGIC, EUTELSAT'S BROADBAND AFFILIATE, TEAMS WITH VIASAT FOR SATELLITE-BASED IN-FLIGHT COMMUNICATIONS TO BUSINESS JETS**

**ARINC, world leader in aviation communications, first to introduce European service for business jets through Eutelsat ATLANTIC BIRD™ 2 satellite**

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Skylogic, Eutelsat's broadband affiliate, has teamed with ViaSat, producer of innovative satellite and wireless communications products, to provide in-flight communications to business jets flying over Europe. The new service has already been selected by ARINC, a world leader in aviation communications, which announces that passengers on over 40 business jets flying over European airspace are now benefiting from satellite-based in-flight communications. ARINC provides users with European coverage through Ku-band capacity on Eutelsat's ATLANTIC BIRD™ 2.

The service supplied by ViaSat and Skylogic, called D-Star aero, provides business aviation passengers with office-in-the-sky communications, including access to e-mail, the Internet, voice over IP (VOIP), fax over IP (FOIP) and corporate intranets. On-board access to users through laptops is provided via a Wi-Fi hot spot installed inside the aircraft. Full service can work during taxi, take-off, flight and landing.

Through the European and Mediterranean Basin coverage supplied by Eutelsat's ATLANTIC BIRD™ 2 satellite and ground station services in Italy supplied through Skylogic, the new service supports aircraft-to-ground data rates of 128 to 256 kbps and ground-to-aircraft data rates varying up to 3.5 Mbps.

The full avionics system weighs less than 20 kilos, including a 30cm circular antenna which is tail-mounted and fits on larger business aircraft including Gulfstream GIV, GIV-SP, G400, GV, G500, G550, Cessna Citation X, Dassault Falcon 900, and Bombardier Global Express and Challengers. ARINC supplies the service under its SkyLink brand to business jet manufacturers and is also working to make this high-speed broadband service a standard option on new business aircraft. The company was selected in October last year by Dassault Falcon Jet to fit the product on the new Falcon 7X ultra-long-range corporate aircraft. Due for certification in 2007, Dassault Falcon has already received more than 90 orders for the Falcon 7X between 2007 and 2010.

Arduino Patacchini, CEO of Skylogic said: "We are very excited about the cost-efficiency of this highly targeted broadband access solution for business aviation passengers and believe this new product for the aviation market truly corresponds to a demand from high-end business users to have seamless communications in all environments. The development of this service underscores our objective to expand and diversify our range of D-STAR satellite broadband products into transport markets."

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### **About Eutelsat Communications**

Eutelsat Communications (Euronext Paris : ETL, code ISIN : FR0010221234) est la société holding d'Eutelsat S.A. Avec des ressources en orbite sur 23 satellites offrant une couverture sur toute l'Europe, le Moyen-Orient, l'Afrique et l'Inde, et sur de larges zones de l'Asie et du continent américain, Eutelsat est l'un des trois premiers opérateurs mondiaux de satellites en terme de chiffre d'affaires. Au 30 juin 2006, la flotte des satellites d'Eutelsat assure la diffusion de plus de 2 100 chaînes de télévision et 970 stations de radio. Plus de 900 programmes de télévision sont diffusés par les satellites HOT BIRD™ à la position orbitale 13° Est vers une audience de plus de 110 millions de foyers en Europe, Moyen-Orient et Afrique du Nord. La flotte d'Eutelsat sert également une large gamme de services fixes et mobiles de télécommunication et de diffusion de données pour les réseaux vidéo professionnels et les réseaux d'entreprise, ainsi qu'un portefeuille d'applications de services haut débit pour les fournisseurs d'accès Internet, les collectivités locales ainsi que pour les transports routiers, maritimes et aériens. Filiale d'Eutelsat dédiée à l'exploitation de services IP sur les téléports d'Eutelsat en France et en Italie, Skylogic commercialise ses services en

Europe, en Afrique, en Asie et sur le continent américain. Eutelsat, dont le siège est à Paris, regroupe 490 hommes et femmes issus de 27 pays.

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