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ALGERIE TELECOM SELECTS EUTELSAT ATLANTIC BIRD™ 3 FOR NATIONAL BROADBAND COMMUNICATIONS

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Eutelsat announced the signature of a contract with Algérie Télécom, Algeria's leading telecommunications operator, to support a far-reaching satellite broadband programme that will serve public administrations and enterprises throughout the country, from the Mediterranean coastline to remote locations in the Sahara desert.

Following an international tender, Algérie Télécom has selected to lease capacity on Eutelsat's ATLANTIC BIRD™ 3 satellite whose Ku-band steerable beam has been optimised for North African countries including Saharan regions. In addition to satellite capacity, Eutelsat is supplying engineering support in the initial phase of operations.

Algérie Télécom will provide broadband services through Eutelsat's ATLANTIC BIRD™ 3 satellite and a new DVB -RCS platform, which the company has located at its teleport near Algiers. Delivered and installed by EMS Technologies, the platform is based on the DVB-RCS international open standard for satellite two-way broadband communications. Algérie Télécom will be able to serve up to 2,500 users equipped with 1.2 metre antennas and two-way broadband terminals via 36MHz bandwidth on ATLANTIC BIRD™ 3 for the forward link and 18 MHz for the return link. Eutelsat will be able to provide additional resource in the same coverage as demand for broadband ramps up.

The range of applications which the platform will support include Internet access, Virtual Private Networks, data transfer, video-conferencing and Voice over IP. This will equip Algérie Télécom for serving broadband requirements from enterprises operating in the oil, gas and mining sectors, as well as public administrations, hospitals, schools, customs and immigration control etc.

“We are very satisfied with the conditions for this contract following a call for tender for satellite capacity to support VSAT networks based on the DVB-RCS standard”, declared Mahieddine Maache, Director General of Algérie Télécom Satellite, the satellite subsidiary of Algérie Télécom. “Eutelsat’s proposal was an excellent match for our set of requirements in terms of coverage, power, cost and back-up both at the level of satellite capacity and on the ground. We are also particularly pleased to be diversifying our source of satellite capacity”.

“Eutelsat is delighted that its satellite capacity and engineering expertise have been selected by Algérie Télécom and looks forward to building a longstanding partnership so that innovative satellite services that enable fast, secure, and efficient communications can serve any location in Algeria”, said Olivier Milliès-Lacroix, Eutelsat’s Commercial Director.

About Eutelsat

With capacity commercialised on 23 satellites that provide coverage over the entire European continent, as well as the Middle East, Africa, India and significant parts of Asia and the Americas, Eutelsat is one of the world’s three leading satellite operators in terms of revenues. Its satellites are used for broadcasting more than 1,500 television and 800 radio stations to 120 million cable and satellite homes. They also serve requirements for TV contribution services, corporate networks, mobile positioning and communications, Internet backbone connectivity and broadband access for terrestrial, maritime and in-flight applications. Eutelsat’s broadband subsidiary Skylogic markets and operates services through multimedia platforms in France and Italy that serve enterprises, local communities, government agencies and aid organisations in Europe, Africa, Asia and the Americas. Headquartered in Paris, and with staff of 450 commercial, technical and operational experts from 25 countries, Eutelsat generated turnover of €760 million for the 2003/2004 financial year.

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