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**SOCIETE NATIONALE DE RADIO ET DE TELEVISION MAROCAINE LEASES NEW
CAPACITY AT EUTELSAT'S HOT BIRD™ VIDEO NEIGHBOURHOOD TO LAUNCH A
DIGITAL MULTIPLEX**

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Eutelsat Communications (Euronext Paris: ETL) announces that the *Société Nationale de Radio et de Télévision Marocaine* (SNRT), Morocco's national public broadcaster, has leased new transponder capacity on its HOT BIRD™ 4 satellite to broadcast a multiplex comprising six television channels and four radio stations.

The new multiplex, which marks the transition to digital of Morocco's leading national channels, forms part of the reform of Morocco's broadcasting landscape initiated by the Ministry of Communications. It comprises six channels broadcast free-to-air which can be received by direct-to-home antennas. They include TVM, which is moving to digital after 13 years of analogue satellite broadcasting and which is also delivering its signal to terrestrial retransmitters in Morocco. The five additional channels are Al Maghribia, TVM International, Arrabiâa, TVM Laayoune and Assadisa.

By joining Eutelsat's HOT BIRD™ video neighbourhood the SNRT has the potential to reach up to 110 million homes in Europe, North Africa and the Middle East equipped for cable or satellite reception. Today, Eutelsat's leading neighbourhood for video broadcasting transmits 850 channels including 70 Arabic-language channels.

"We are delighted to contribute to the expansion of the digital media sector in Morocco. This new contract consolidates our longstanding partnership with SNRT which stretches back to 1992 with analogue broadcasting of TVM from our 16 degrees East location", said Giuliano Berretta, Eutelsat's CEO. "This new contract enables SNRT to broadcast five new channels, thereby substantially expanding and diversifying the information, education and regional programming it broadcasts to the viewing public".

TV Channels in SNRT's multiplex

Al Maghribia: international news channel for the Moroccan community abroad. Programmes consist mainly of news programmes, variety and documentaries.

TVM international: general entertainment channel for the Moroccan community abroad.

Arrabiâa: Morocco's leading education and cultural channel, aimed at youth audience. Arrabiâa broadcasts six hours a day during the week and 11 hours a day at weekends. Programmes are structured around learning, professional life, lifestyles, culture and entertainment.

TVM Layoune: focussed on the southern region of Morocco.

TVM National: general entertainment channel providing information, culture and leisure activities.

Assadisa: religious channel, broadcasting programmes inspired by the Koran, between 17.00 and 23.00.

Radio Channels in SNRT's multiplex

Koran channel Mohamed VI: readings from the Koran

National Arabic Channel: general programmes in Arabic

Radio Tamazight: general programmes in Tamazight

International radio channel: general programmes in English, French, Spanish

About the SNRT

The evolving years have seen RTM develop into the *Société Nationale de Radio et de Télévision* (SNRT). As well as a terrestrial broadcasting and transmission network covering the whole of the Kingdom of Morocco, the SNRT has set up a satellite network to provide users with distribution, contribution and broadcasting facilities. Two DTH platforms have been installed. They will be used to offer direct broadcasting of radio and television channels to Europe, North Africa and the Middle East via HOT BIRD™ 4. A terrestrial ATM contribution network will be employed to feed the following television programmes into the Temara platforms – the ASSADISA channel, TVM, TVM-INTER, TVM-INTER+Laayoune, ARRABIA and AL MAGHRIBIA. Four radio programmes are also being transmitted: the Koran channel Mohamed VI, the national Arabic channel, the Tamazight channel and the international channel (French, Spanish and English).

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