



SKYLOGIC SETS UP EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTRES IN SRI LANKA FOR THE ITALIAN CIVIL DEFENCE AGENCY

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Skylogic, Eutelsat's broadband affiliate has set up an emergency satellite communications system in Sri Lanka to supply Internet access, telephony and video communications to three sites in Sri Lanka where the Italian Civil Defence Agency has set up operations since the tsunami of December 26 struck the island.

Skylogic has provided turnkey installations for the operations centres of the Italian Civil Defence Agency near Colombo, Trincomalee and Unawatuna. They comprise PCs, Wi-Fi access points and Internet connections operating through a D-Star satellite broadband terminal. The operation was carried out in four days, in collaboration with Eurosatellite and MBI technical staff, who are part of the Eutelsat/Skylogic WorldWide Deployment Team, which managed all on-site installations.

The emergency network put in place for the Italian Civil Defence Agency provides voice communications, but also extends to a full broadband infrastructure. Italian Civil Defence technical staff at the operations centres can establish communications with one another and with the Agency's Rome headquarters for e-mail, instant messaging services and Internet access. The network also supplies VoIP telephone and videoconferencing services between Sri Lanka and Rome. Connections are established through capacity on Eutelsat's W6 satellite, which is equipped with a steerable beam that has been oriented over the region, and Skylogic's teleport in Turin. This configuration is completely independent of terrestrial networks, making it possible to deploy a complete communications network in a region where terrestrial communications infrastructure has been immobilised.

About Skylogic

Based in Turin, north-west Italy, Skylogic operates one of the world's leading satellite broadband IP platforms. Opened in 2002, Skylogic's 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 eight satellites in Eutelsat's fleet in order to serve users in Europe, Asia, the Americas and Africa. Skylogic customers include small and medium-sized businesses, multinationals, government agencies and aid organisations.

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