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EUTELSAT PLACES ORDER WITH SEA LAUNCH FOR LAUNCH SERVICES FOR TWO SATELLITES

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Eutelsat Communications (Euronext Paris: ETL) confirmed today that it has signed launch agreements with Sea Launch for two launch opportunities as part of its ongoing satellite deployment programme for which launches are scheduled from the middle of 2008.

These agreements, together with the two agreements already in place with Arianespace, complete the launch service requirements for the four Eutelsat satellites to be launched from 2008 to 2009. They comprise W2M, HOT BIRD™ 9 and W2A, which are already under procurement, and the planned W7 satellite.

The specific satellites to be launched by Sea Launch have not yet been assigned by Eutelsat. This flexibility, together with sourcing of launch services through multiple launch agencies enables the Group to ensure timely delivery into orbit of its new satellites under procurement.

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 23 satellites providing coverage over the entire European continent, as well as the Middle East, Africa, India and significant parts of Asia and the Americas. The Group is one of the world's three leading satellite operators in terms of revenues. Its satellites are used for broadcasting more than 2,100 TV and 970 radio stations to more than 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 inflight applications. Eutelsat Communications is headquartered in Paris, and the Group's workforce comprises over 490 employees from 27 countries.

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About Sea Launch

Sea Launch Company, LLC, headquartered in Long Beach, Calif., is the world's most reliable heavy-lift commercial launch service. This international partnership offers the most direct and cost-effective route to geostationary orbit. With the advantage of a launch site on the Equator, the robust Zenit-3SL rocket can lift a heavier spacecraft mass or provide longer life on orbit, offering best value plus schedule assurance.

For additional information, please visit the Sea Launch website at: www.sea-launch.com

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