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## **CHANNELS FROM CANAL+ GROUP JOIN EUTELSAT'S HOT BIRD™ NEIGHBOURHOOD FOR DISTRIBUTION TO TPS SUBSCRIBERS**

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Eutelsat Communications (Euronext Paris: ETL) today announced the signature of an agreement with CANAL+ for broadcasting channels produced by the CANAL+ Group from its flagship HOT BIRD™ broadcast neighbourhood at 13 degrees East.

The broadcasting agreement between the CANAL+ Group and Eutelsat covers the lease of 18 Mb/s of bandwidth on Eutelsat's HOT BIRD™ 7A satellite, which was launched on 11 March. Eutelsat is also responsible for transmitting the encrypted channels from the CANAL+ digital broadcast centre at Boulogne Billancourt, near Paris, to Eutelsat's teleport at Rambouillet. The signals are uplinked from Rambouillet to HOT BIRD™ 7A in a DVB multiplex operated by Eutelsat.

### 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. From its flagship video neighbourhood at 13 degrees East, four high-power HOT BIRD™ satellites broadcast over 900 channels to more than 110 million cable and satellite homes in Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. According to Eutelsat's January 2006 penetration survey of satellite homes in France, 2.8 million homes receive channels from the Group's HOT BIRD™ neighbourhood via DTH and community reception. Eutelsat Communications is headquartered in Paris, and the Group's workforce comprises over 490 employees from 27 countries.

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