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FULL SERVICE RESTORED ON EUTELSAT's W3A SATELLITE

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Eutelsat confirms that operations of its W3A satellite have been fully restored with normal operational mode following an anomaly occurring earlier today which caused an interruption of service. From 17.45 today Paris time (15.45 UTC) clients using W3A were able to reestablish full commercial service.

According to preliminary analysis gathered since the incident occurred, the interruption of service on W3A has no impact on the performance of the satellite, whose 44 transponders (42 Ku-band, 2 Ka-band) are all in perfect working order. A full investigation is being conducted by Eutelsat in collaboration with W3A's manufacturer, EADS Astrium, in order to determine the specific reason for the anomaly.

Located at 7 degrees East, Eutelsat's W3A satellite was launched in March 2004. The satellite carries telecommunications, data and broadcast services in Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

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 in-flight applications. Eutelsat Communications is headquartered in Paris, and the Group's workforce comprises over 490 employees from 27 countries.

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