

EUTELSAT UPDATE ON TECHNICAL PERFORMANCE W5 SATELLITE

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Following the incident in the night of 16 to 17 June affecting part of the power generator subsystem of the W5 satellite, Eutelsat set up a technical investigation on the satellite's performance together with its manufacturer, Thales Alenia Space. On the basis of elements of this investigation, confirmed today by Thales Alenia Space¹, Eutelsat informs that the remaining orbital lifetime of W5 could be reduced by a maximum of three years.

The satellite's end of operational life in stable orbit is now estimated to be in the fourth quarter of 2014, advanced from the first quarter of 2018. Technical measures are currently being implemented to minimise the reduction of the in-orbit lifetime.

Eutelsat has carried out an impairment test based on the above information and confirms that the impact of the anomaly experienced by W5, as currently known, does not show any need to record an impairment charge. Its evaluation shows no need to adjust the value of the W5 satellite recognised on the balance sheet.

¹ See www.thalesaleniaspace.com

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