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## **BOEING SELECTS EUTELSAT SATELLITES FOR IN-FLIGHT INTERNET CONNECTIVITY DEMONSTRATION**

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Eutelsat satellite capacity has been selected by Connexion by Boeing, a business unit of Boeing (NYSE: BA), for a three-month demonstration of in-flight broadband Internet access for passengers flying between Frankfurt and Washington D.C.

Passengers on board a Lufthansa German Airlines Boeing 747-400 are currently able to use their personal laptops and ones provided by the airline for high-speed connections to the Internet, including full access to their personal or business email accounts and files. They are able to attach files to their outgoing emails or open attachments from incoming emails, get the latest news, look up information about their destination or shop online. The new service, which Lufthansa has branded as FlyNet, operates through the Connexion by Boeing system developed by The Boeing Company.

Eutelsat is providing capacity for the demonstration through its ATLANTIC BIRD™ 2 satellite and also through EUTELSAT II-F4. Through these two satellites Boeing can offer a seamless network over the Atlantic Ocean and Europe to Lufthansa, and to British Airways that plans to begin in-flight demonstrations in the middle of February.

During the three-month demonstration, Lufthansa has made the service available free-of-charge to passengers throughout the airplane, which flies daily between Frankfurt and Washington-Dulles International Airport as flights LH 418 (westbound) and LH 419 (eastbound).

About this agreement, Giuliano Berretta, CEO of Eutelsat, said: "This turnkey service underscores the ability of satellites to provide high-speed Internet access, virtually all over

the planet, whether on earth or in the sky. Fully in line with our strategy to expand the scope of satellite usage for new applications, we are proud to partner with Boeing in this demonstration that opens a new chapter for the commercial airline industry and for the satellite communications market. By using Eutelsat's in-orbit Ku-band capacity, Boeing has selected a cost-effective and scalable solution for offering in-flight broadband Internet access. We look forward to accompanying them as they realise their objective to rolling out high-speed Internet, data and entertainment connectivity to aircraft in-flight".

### **About Eutelsat**

Eutelsat S.A. is one of the world's leading satellite operators. The company provides coverage across four continents, encompassing Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, eastern North America, and South America. Eutelsat's satellite infrastructure gives it the flexibility to offer direct-to-home broadcasting, video distribution and contribution services, corporate network solutions and a portfolio of IP applications including broadband Internet access and Internet backbone connections. From its strategic HOT BIRD™ orbital position at 13 degrees East and other orbital positions, Eutelsat transmits more than 1260 television and 700 radio stations reaching an overall audience of more than 100 million cable and satellite homes.

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