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Eutelsat denies acquisition of its client, Europe Online S.A.

Paris, 9 July 2004:

Eutelsat wishes to issue an immediate denial of the information released by Dow Jones on 8 July 2004 announcing Eutelsat's acquisition of Europe Online S.A. operations, one of its clients and distributors of satellite Internet access services.

The on-line Press Release published on Europe Online's Internet site refers to an agreement for hosting and distributing services that was signed more than a year ago. At that time, and under the terms of the agreement, Europe Online installed its equipment on Eutelsat's satellite platform at Rambouillet for the purposes of operating its services on Eutelsat's in-orbit fleet.

This local hosting facility, which is open to all Eutelsat's broadband clients, allows shared use of central equipment in order to optimise the cost of service operation. As well as Europe Online, the Eutelsat Rambouillet platform also hosts the services of clients such as Avanti, TLV, and Castify Networks.

Eutelsat hereby confirms that it has not acquired, nor is it in the process of acquiring, either the Europe Online S.A. company or its operational assets or its clientele.

About Eutelsat

With capacity commercialised on satellites that provide coverage from the Americas to Far East Asia, Eutelsat is one of the world's leading satellite operators. This satellite infrastructure gives the company the flexibility to offer direct-to-home broadcasting, video distribution and contribution services, corporate network solutions, positioning and communications services for mobile users and a portfolio of IP applications which include broadband Internet access and Internet backbone connections. Eutelsat has developed a range of turnkey broadband products (D-STAR, D-SAT, OPENSKY?) for local communities, SMEs, SoHos and consumers beyond ADSL access. It has also set up a subsidiary called Skylogic Italia to market and operate broadband services through its multimedia platform in Turin (Italy). Eutelsat's satellites broadcast more than 1,400 television and 700 radio stations to an audience of 110 million cable and satellite homes.

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