

“Tanks” for the training, tooway

Eutelsat offers Tooway satellite broadband installer training for retiring Armed Service personnel

UK. 14 April 2014 - Eutelsat Communications (NYSE Euronext Paris: ETL) is participating in a MOD funded course designed to retrain British Armed Forces personnel in satellite broadband installations as part of the forces resettlement programme for servicemen and women leaving the Army, Navy and RAF.

Almost 50 servicemen and women have been through the Confederation of Aerial Industries approved training over the past six months at the Resettlement Training Centre, Aldershot. The training is part of a wider two-week course on signal distribution, preparing personnel with work skills for civilian life. Any serviceman or woman who has spent more than six years with the Armed Forces qualifies for the resettlement training programme at the specialist centre in Aldershot.

Following the training, the servicemen and women are certified to install Eutelsat's Tooway broadband service that is in particular demand from residents poorly served or beyond the range of terrestrial broadband.

The Tooway™ Installer Training Programme provides practical face-to-face training, an interactive app for site surveys, installations and dish alignment, along with access to a portal for certified installers that provides practical information, tools and services for a high quality install.

Simon Gray, Senior Systems Integration Engineer at Eutelsat, said: “We could think of no-one better than former British military personnel to join our team of certified Tooway installers bringing quality broadband to consumers in unserved regions of the UK and wider Europe.”

Liz Taylor, Director of Training, said: “This training underlines the aims of the Resettlement Training Centre to provide servicemen and women with practical experience and certification in a valuable growth industry. This training, and the many other courses like it, allow our personnel to return to civilian life confident that they have the skills for their next career.”

As well as Service leavers, Eutelsat has so far certified over 4,000 installers in 20 European countries and in eight languages as part of the largest free training programme of its kind – harmonising best practice for satellite broadband installations across the continent. The programme is continuing, with an additional 1,000 installers to be trained by end 2014.

Eutelsat’s Tooway™ service is principally aimed at consumers and businesses unable to receive broadband or those that can only access speeds of up to 2 Mbps. The latest Tooway™ services offer download speeds of up to 20 Mbps and upload speeds of up to 6 Mbps, making it the fastest satellite broadband service in Europe. The service operates with a small (77cm) satellite dish and modem and is delivered by KA-SAT, Europe’s most powerful satellite.

About Eutelsat Communications (www.eutelsat.com)

Established in 1977, Eutelsat Communications (NYSE Euronext Paris: ETL, ISIN code: FR0010221234) is one of the world’s leading and most experienced operators of communications satellites. The company provides capacity on 36 satellites to clients that include broadcasters and broadcasting associations, pay-TV operators, video, data and Internet service providers, enterprises and government agencies. Eutelsat’s satellites provide ubiquitous coverage of Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia-Pacific and the Americas, enabling video, data, broadband and government communications to be established irrespective of a user’s location. Headquartered in Paris, with offices and teleports around the globe, Eutelsat represents a workforce of 1,000 men and women from 32 countries who are experts in their fields and work with clients to deliver the highest quality of service. For more about Eutelsat please visit www.eutelsat.com

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