

Wireless Innovation selects Eutelsat's KA-SAT satellite for Thales contract to help protect EDF's UK critical energy infrastructure

UK, 29 May 2014 - Eutelsat's KA-SAT satellite has been selected by Wireless Innovation as part of an emergency mobile communications solution to help protect EDF Energy's critical infrastructure in the UK. The five mobile Deployable Communication and Information Systems will be stored at strategic locations around the country to be deployed to EDF energy sites in the event of an emergency at a facility. The systems are designed to establish a communication link with the power plant control centre to remotely monitor and take data readings. Information is then relayed from the module using a KA-SAT satellite broadband link to headquarters.

Eutelsat partner Wireless Innovation, which specialises in providing satellite and GSM based SCADA/telemetry backhaul solutions to UK and global electricity, water, oil and gas companies, was sub-contracted by Thales to specify and supply the communication element of the modules. The system was part of a wider contract for emergency management being delivered to EDF Energy by Thales.

Phil Rouse, Managing Director at Wireless Innovation, said: "We looked at a number of options for the satellite connection but quickly settled on Eutelsat's KA-SAT satellite broadband solution because of the price performance ratio it offered. In the event of an emergency, this mobile solution will be transferring large amounts of critical data and no other satellite provider was able to offer the quality and data bandwidth capabilities necessary, alongside the flexibility and competitive rates offered by Eutelsat."

Jean-François Fenech, General Manager of Eutelsat Broadband, said: "Wireless Innovation's choice of KA-SAT to help protect the UK's critical energy infrastructure is the strongest possible endorsement of the quality and capability of the satellite to meet the toughest communication challenges of industry across Europe."

KA-SAT, the first High Throughput Satellite (HTS) in Europe is a new generation of multi-spotbeam, high capacity satellite optimised for broadband communications. Its spotbeam configuration enables frequencies to be reused 20 times and takes total satellite throughput to beyond 90 Gbps. KA-SAT is able to offer high bandwidth and operate with small, competitively-priced end user terminals. It allows businesses in remote or low Internet connectivity areas to quickly and effectively establish data services and scale them to meet their needs.

About Eutelsat Broadband

Eutelsat Broadband is the business unit of Eutelsat in charge of providing satellite broadband services to residential and professional markets, as well as to broadcasters, across the whole European continent and the southern rim of the Mediterranean Basin. Its residential product tooway™ is the best in class satellite broadband solution and a unique cost-effective alternative to terrestrial access technologies in unserved and underserved areas, with download speeds up to 22 Mbps and upload speeds up to 6 Mbps. The connectivity needs of corporate customers and telcos are also catered for through the KA-SAT Access product line and its VNO and VPN solutions. Eutelsat Broadband also provides the latest IP based satellite news gathering solutions, with its NewsSpotter service. For more information, visit: www.eutelsat.com/en/services/data/eutelsat-broadband.html

About Eutelsat Communications

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 37 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.

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About Wireless Innovation Ltd (www.wireless-innovation.co.uk)

Wireless Innovation Ltd was formed from a management buyout in 2004 and is a leading supplier of global satellite and cellular communication solutions. It has been providing SCADA and Telemetry backhaul systems to UK, Europe and Global customers for over 15 years. During this time, Wireless Innovation Ltd has built on over 100 years experience of the integration of a range of wireless solutions with a number of different SCADA & Telemetry systems. This knowledge forms the basis of the company's unique approach to project implementation. Specifically, Wireless Innovation Ltd specialises in delivering a complete, turnkey solution for all satellite communications. Wireless Innovation are pioneers in wireless data communications, with customers in over 80 countries, and hold the Queen's Award for Enterprise (International Trade.)

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