

EUTELSAT 3D satellite arrives at the Baikonour Cosmodrome. Readies for ILS Proton launch on May 14

Baikonour, Paris, 16 April 2013 – The EUTELSAT 3D satellite of Eutelsat Communications (Euronext Paris: ETL) arrived on April 13 at the Baikonour Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan and is now undergoing final preparations for launch by a Proton Breeze M rocket supplied by ILS. Lift-off is planned on May 14 from 16.02 GMT (18.02 CET) with spacecraft separation scheduled to occur after a nine hour 13 minute flight.

Weighing 5.4 tons at lift-off, EUTELSAT 3D has been built for Eutelsat by Thales Alenia Space using its established Spacebus 4000 platform. The satellite is designed to operate in orbit for 15 years.

With a baseline design equipping it to strengthen Eutelsat's overall in-orbit flexibility and back-up from multiple orbital slots, EUTELSAT 3D will initially be located at the 3°East orbital position to address high-growth video, data, telecom and broadband markets. Through its configuration of Ku and Ka transponders connected to three footprints, the new satellite will serve customers in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and Central Asia. A fourth service area in the Ku-band will address markets in sub-Saharan Africa. EUTELSAT 3D will operate at 3°East until the deployment of the EUTELSAT 3B satellite to this position in 2014 to provide spectrum growth and high levels of operational flexibility in C, Ku and Ka bands. It will subsequently continue service at 7°East.

The launch will be videostreamed live on www.eutelsat.com.

About Eutelsat Communications (www.eutelsat.com)

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