

## **Eutelsat Broadband helps engineers stay in touch at remote Scottish construction sites**

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Eutelsat Broadband's satellite business solution is helping workers from Ross-Shire Engineering stay in touch whilst constructing water treatment plants for Scottish Water Solutions II in some of the remotest areas of the country. The engineers use the Eutelsat satellite broadband service for email and accessing systems at head office as well as for Voice over IP telephone calls while on site.

So far installed at 5 sites, including the Shetland Isles and on remote areas of the west coast, by Scottish reseller Internet Anywhere, Eutelsat provides an always-on satellite service delivering speeds of up to 20Mbps downstream and 6Mbps upstream, with no need for a telephone line. The equipment comprises of a small satellite dish and a modem or wifi router, which connects to the computer.

The company first turned to Eutelsat when it found that its engineers were struggling to get a mobile 3G signal for telephone calls or data at some of the remotest Scottish Water Solution II construction sites.

"Internet Anywhere recommended the solution and installed the system for us and it just worked without any hassle," said George Phimister, Project Manager at Ross-Shire Engineering. "Now we are using it at several sites, even the less remote ones because the service is so fast to install. Using traditional broadband providers, we had to wait days or even weeks for an internet connection. Today we just make a call, the installer arrives and within an hour or so we are up and running."

Ross-shire Engineering has an average of 10 workers onsite at anyone time building drinking water treatment plants for Scottish Water and the team are able to connect to the Eutelsat system via the wireless router and then access their office systems via VPN or make VoIP calls.

John Fitzgerald, Managing Director of Internet Anywhere, said: "The Eutelsat service is ideal for workers and homeowners in remote areas that cannot get access to broadband by traditional methods. We are seeing a wide range of demand for the service in Scotland from

NHS, emergency services and engineering firms through to consumers living in the isles and remote areas of the country.”

The service uses Eutelsat’s KA-SAT High Throughput satellite, which ushered in a new era of competitively priced, satellite-delivered services for consumers, businesses and broadcasters when it was launched in 2011. The satellite forms the cornerstone of a €350m state-of-the-art communications infrastructure, which includes a sophisticated on-ground network made up of eight main satellite gateways across Europe connected to the Internet by a fibre backbone ring.

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**About Eutelsat Communications ([www.eutelsat.com](http://www.eutelsat.com))**

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