



## **Telekom Slovenije selects Eutelsat satellite broadband to accelerate access to broadband across Slovenia**

**Eutelsat's high-performance KA-SAT satellite will allow Telekom Slovenije to provide fast Internet access to the 10% of Slovenian homes beyond reach of terrestrial broadband**

**9 May 2013** – Eutelsat Communications (Euronext Paris: ETL), Europe's leading satellite operator, today announced an agreement with Telekom Slovenije, Slovenia's leading telecoms operator, to offer high-speed satellite broadband to the almost 90,000 homes that remain unserved by broadband networks.

The new consumer satellite broadband service, provided by Eutelsat's high performance KA-SAT satellite, will enable Telekom Slovenije to offer internet access with download speeds of up to 18 Mbps and upload speeds of up to 6 Mbps to the most rural homes across the country. The service operates with a small (77cm) easy-to-install satellite dish and modem.

Telekom Slovenije provides high-end mobile, fixed and IP communications, multimedia content, and services to residential and business users. Telekom Slovenije's Mobitel and SiOL brands are synonymous with high-quality and user-friendly mobile and broadband services.

Simon Furlan, Director of Marketing at Telekom Slovenije said: *"High speed internet access has become an essential service for consumers, providing access to education, entertainment and public services. This agreement ensures that our customers, wherever they live in the country, will be able to access reliable, high speed broadband services today."*

Jean-François Fenech, General Manager of Eutelsat's Broadband Business Unit, added: *"Eutelsat's satellite broadband solution was designed specifically to help Europe's telecom providers to provide a universal, high speed internet service to their customers, wherever their location. We are delighted that Telekom Slovenije has chosen Eutelsat's service to help close the digital divide for Slovenia's remaining digitally deprived residents."*

**Delivered by KA-SAT**



Eutelsat's KA-SAT, with a total capacity of 90 Gbps is transforming the market for satellite-delivered broadband services across Europe and the Mediterranean Basin. The satellite forms the cornerstone of a state-of-the-art communications infrastructure, which includes a sophisticated on-ground network of eight main gateways across Europe that are connected to the Internet by a fibre backbone ring.

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

Eutelsat Communications is the holding company of Eutelsat S.A. With capacity commercialised on 30 satellites delivering reach of Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, significant parts of the Americas and the Asia-Pacific, Eutelsat Communications (Euronext Paris: ETL, ISIN code: FR0010221234) is one of the world's leading satellite operators. As of 31 December 2012 Eutelsat's satellites were broadcasting 4,500 television channels to over 200 million cable and satellite homes in Europe, the Middle East and Africa. The Group's satellites also provide a wide range of services for TV contribution, corporate networks and fixed and mobile broadband markets. Using KA-SAT, Europe's first High Throughput Satellite, Eutelsat Broadband, a business unit of Eutelsat provides broadband services for consumers, enterprises and public agencies across Europe and the Mediterranean Basin who are unserved or underserved by terrestrial networks. Headquartered in Paris, Eutelsat and its subsidiaries employ over 780 commercial, technical and operational professionals from 30 countries.

## About Telekom Slovenia Group

The Telekom Slovenia Group is Slovenia's leading and most advanced telecommunications operator in all key segments of the well-developed and highly competitive Slovenian market, delivering a comprehensive portfolio of fixed, mobile, Internet and state-of-the-art integrated telecommunication solutions via its modern proprietary network. Beyond its clear number of presence in Slovenia, Telekom Slovenia Group is present in several high growth markets in Southeast Europe, in Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo and Albania. The Group's acquisition of 50% stake in Gibtelecom, Gibraltar's dominant fixed, mobile and Internet operator, represents further steps in the strategy to extend Telekom Slovenije's geographic footprint into selected Southeast European and Mediterranean markets.

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