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ARTEL SIGNS MAJOR CAPACITY AGREEMENT WITH SES WORLD SKIES TO EXTEND U.S. GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITIES IN EUROPE, THE MIDDLE EAST AND ASIA

ASTRA 3B satellite to enable wide range of connectivity, including Comms-on-the-Move

WASHINGTON, D.C. – September 10th, 2009 – Delivering connectivity where it's needed most, SES WORLD SKIES, a division of SES S.A. (Euronext Paris and Luxembourg Stock Exchanges: SESG), today announced it has signed a multi-transponder deal with Artel to help the leading integrator meet growing U.S. government demand for end-to-end communications networks throughout Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

Artel will use four full Ku-band transponders (144 megahertz) on the ASTRA 3B satellite, set to launch early next year, to provide the Department of Defense with broadband, IP voice, data and video solutions across a variety of regional operations.

The SES WORLD SKIES-Artel agreement represents a major milestone in a long-term alliance that has developed and delivered essential global communications services for nearly a decade. Artel is a leading telecom and IT services provider to the U.S. Government, under the Defense Satellite Transmission Services – Global procurement program managed by the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA).

"Our ability to provide state-of-the-art communications solutions to government operations in some of the remotest corners of the world is a testament to the responsiveness and expertise of the SES WORLD SKIES team and the coverage, reliability and flexibility of its powerful satellites," said Abbas Yazdani, Founder and CEO of Artel.

"When crucial projects and lives are on the line, we are confident we have the right infrastructure partner to help us fulfill the connectivity needs of our customers," added Yazdani, noting Artel and SES WORLD SKIES share a strategic philosophy. "SES WORLD SKIES has honed its core strengths, developing tailored satellite solutions. We look forward to further expanding our global services delivery on the SES WORLD SKIES platform."

"The rise in communication needs across some of the world's remotest regions is driving demand for reliable and robust satellite capacity capable of delivering connectivity where it's needed most," said Andrew Ruszkowski, Vice President, North America Sales for SES WORLD SKIES. "Artel is a leading integrator of world class communications solutions and SES WORLD SKIES is dedicated to extending the reach of its corporate, government and military customers around the globe."

About ASTRA 3B

ASTRA 3B will be a state-of-the-art Ku and Ka-band spacecraft designed for the distribution of both direct-to-home (DTH) broadcast services and two-way broadband services. The satellite will have 52 transponders and will be positioned at the orbital location of 23.5 degrees East. The satellite is currently under construction with Astrium.

About Artel

Founded in 1986, Artel is a global leader in telecom and information technology providing a full spectrum of network management, systems/solutions integration, information

assurance/homeland security, E-Government, E-Commerce services and technologies that will meet the critical business objectives of our clients. For more information, visit <u>www.artelinc.com</u>.

About SES WORLD SKIES

SES WORLD SKIES is the new global division of SES, created through the combination of the former SES NEW SKIES and SES AMERICOM. The company operates a fleet of 25 satellites – part of the 40 spacecraft of the SES group - delivering services as diverse as television distribution and broadcast, internet access, data transmission and business and government communications to customers worldwide. SES WORLD SKIES' unique customer-focused approach allows it to offer the best satellite solution for a host of business and government requirements, with a view toward helping customers meet their short-term challenges and realize their longer-term goals. The company comprises a world-class team of customer care and technical professionals located in Princeton, The Hague, Washington D.C., Singapore, Beijing, London, Sao Paulo, Mexico City, Sydney, Accra and Johannesburg. Visit www.ses.com for more information.

About SES

SES (Euronext Paris and Luxembourg Stock Exchange: SESG) wholly owns the market-leading satellite operators SES ASTRA and SES WORLD SKIES, 90% of SES SIRIUS in Europe, and strategic participations in Ciel in Canada and QuetzSat in Mexico. SES provides outstanding satellite communications solutions via a global fleet of 40 satellites in 26 orbital locations. For further information: <u>www.ses.com</u>

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