

## **Eutelsat selects ground infrastructure providers for its KONNECT satellite programme**

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- ***Hughes Networks Systems to supply the ground network system***

**Paris, Washington DC, May 6, 2019** - Eutelsat Communications (Euronext Paris: ETL) has chosen high-performance ground infrastructure providers to operate its future KONNECT satellite and associated broadband services: General Dynamics SATCOM Technologies has been selected to offer and deploy seven antennas, while Hughes Network Systems (HUGHES) will provide its JUPITER™ ground network system.

With 75 Gbps of capacity, KONNECT is a new generation multi-beam satellite scheduled for launch at the end of this year. Once in service in 2020, the all-electric satellite will serve the broadband Internet market on a large scale throughout Western Europe and Africa.

General Dynamics SATCOM Technologies' solution will provide seven 9-metre antennas to support traffic exchange between the satellite and its ground network system, ensuring a best in class performance and speed of deployment on a cost-efficient basis.

Eutelsat's long-standing partner, Hughes, a world leader in satellite broadband networks and services, will provide its Jupiter platform for KONNECT's ground network system, including baseband equipment and new generation user terminals<sup>1</sup>.

Yohann Leroy, Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Chief Technical Officer of Eutelsat, said: *"Ground infrastructure was the last missing link in our KONNECT satellite programme and this has been bridged thanks to orders placed with Hughes Network Systems and General Dynamics SATCOM Technologies, two trusted partners and references in their respective fields. The satellite, which has just completed its construction and is currently starting its test phase, will thus benefit from high-performance ground and in-orbit infrastructure on a cost-efficient basis to deliver competitive services to our customers."*

### **About Eutelsat Communications**

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<sup>1</sup> Including a 75-cm antenna, a transmitter/receiver unit, and a modem.

Founded in 1977, Eutelsat Communications is one of the world's leading satellite operators. With a global fleet of satellites and associated ground infrastructure, Eutelsat enables clients across Video, Data, Government, Fixed and Mobile Broadband markets to communicate effectively to their customers, irrespective of their location. Over 7,000 television channels operated by leading media groups are broadcast by Eutelsat to one billion viewers equipped for DTH reception or connected to terrestrial networks. Headquartered in Paris, with offices and teleports around the globe, Eutelsat assembles 1,000 men and women from 46 countries who are dedicated to delivering the highest quality of service.

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