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Burkina Faso selects Eutelsat to accelerate nationwide roll-out of digital television

Société burkinabè de télédiffusion (SBT) leverages EUTELSAT 3B satellite to transition to Digital Terrestrial Television

Abidjan, Ouagadougou, Paris, 30 May 2017 – Eutelsat Communications (NYSE Euronext Paris: ETL) today announced a multi-year agreement for satellite capacity with Société burkinabè de télédiffusion (SBT), the public agency deploying DTT channels across Burkina Faso.

Announced at Discop Abidjan, the new contract is a major step in the drive to accelerate analogue switch-off in Burkina Faso.

Capacity leased on EUTELSAT 3B is already delivering approximately 20 channels^[1] to 35 digital terrestrial transmitting towers deployed throughout Burkina Faso, enabling homes equipped with a digital decoder and a compatible TV set to benefit from digital quality content.

In addition to favouring EUTELSAT 3B for nationwide free-to-air broadcasting, SBT has partnered with public broadcaster RTB to expand availability of public service content to Burkinabe residents and embassies in a broader footprint. Capacity on EUTELSAT 16A is extending access to RTB in Africa and EUTELSAT 9B in Europe.

SBT General Manager, Kadidia Savadogo, declared: *“We are leveraging the unique footprint of the EUTELSAT 3B satellite over our country to launch a broadcasting platform that will deliver as many TV channels as possible to Burkinabe households with enhanced audio and image quality. Our objective is to ensure DTT delivery to 98% of our territory by the end of 2017.”*

Michel Azibert, Eutelsat’s Deputy CEO and Chief Commercial & Development Officer, added: *“With this agreement, Eutelsat is leveraging capacity on three of our satellites to contribute to Burkina Faso’s transition to a fully digital broadcasting environment. We are proud to support SBT in its drive to accelerating access to DTT channels for all Burkinabe homes.”*

^[1]SMTV, Canal 3, TVZ Africa, Impact TV, BF1, TV Maria, Alhouda, CVK, El-Bethel, Burkina Info TV, RTB Télévision, RTB Zénith, Edifice McCann, Savane FM, TAM-TAM Production (3TV), Omega TV and Assemblée TV.

About Eutelsat Communications

Established in 1977, Eutelsat Communications (Euronext Paris: ETL, ISIN code: FR0010221234) is one of the world’s leading and most experienced operators of communications satellites. The company provides capacity on 39 satellites to clients that include broadcasters and broadcasting associations, pay-TV operators, video, data and Internet service providers, enterprises and

government agencies.

Eutelsat's satellites provide ubiquitous coverage of Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia-Pacific and the Americas, enabling video, data, broadband and government communications to be established irrespective of a user's location.

Headquartered in Paris, with offices and teleports around the globe, Eutelsat represents a workforce of 1,000 men and women from 37 countries who are experts in their fields and work with clients to deliver the highest quality of service.

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