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TricolorTV launches broadband services in Russia via EUTELSAT 36C satellite

Paris, 8 September 2016 – TricolorTV, Russia’s fastest growing pay-TV platform, with 12 million subscribers, has officially launched its new broadband service using the High Throughput Ka-band capacity on the EUTELSAT 36C satellite commercialised by Eutelsat Communications (NYSE Euronext Paris: ETL). The new service offers consumer and professional subscribers Internet access with speeds of up to 40 Mbps downstream and 12 Mbps upstream, with a range of tariffs tailored to end-user requirements.

Launched in December 2015, the EUTELSAT 36C satellite features high-power capacity for TV broadcasting in European parts of the Russian Federation and a High Throughput payload comprising 18 Ka-band beams delivering continuous coverage of Western Russia, from the Arctic coastline to the Caspian Sea. Eutelsat selected Gilat’s SkyEdge II-c hub with X-Architecture and SkyEdge II-c small user terminals to power broadband services from EUTELSAT 36C from a hub installed at the Dubna satellite centre operated by RSCC, near Moscow.

Kirill Yanchenko, CEO of Eutelsat Networks, the Moscow-based subsidiary driving Eutelsat’s broadband strategy in Russia: *“We are delighted to see the Ka-band payload on EUTELSAT 36C go live with TricolorTV, a longstanding Eutelsat customer that is already a leader in mass market satellite broadcasting. We believe this significant first step will facilitate wide adoption of satellite broadband in Russia.”*

Alexey Karpov, Director of Sales and Customer Service at TricolorTV: *“We are confident that this new service will deliver an excellent quality high-speed broadband service to our subscribers, particularly the many that are not well served by terrestrial infrastructure.”*

In addition to collaborating on broadband deployment, Eutelsat and TricolorTV announced in July the launch in Russia of a multi-screen video delivery service using Eutelsat's new 'SmartBeam' solution that receives high-quality TV channels and VOD content via satellite and serves it locally to mobile phones and tablets over a Wi-Fi network.

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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