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## ViaSat, Eutelsat in-flight Internet partnership wins European service contract with SAS

**CARLSBAD, Calif. Paris, 9 September 2016** – ViaSat Inc. (NASDAQ: VSAT) and Eutelsat Communications (NYSE Euronext Paris: ETL) continue to execute on their strategy to deliver high-quality satellite-based Internet connectivity to the commercial airline market in Europe with a new service contract for SAS, Scandinavia's leading airline.

SAS is equipping its short and medium-haul fleet to offer on-board WiFi speeds of at least 12 Mbps and higher to each passenger to ensure that time spent on board will be more productive and enjoyable with streaming TV, music and films. The first aircraft with the new WiFi-system will enter service in the second half of 2017.

ViaSat will be the prime contractor to the airline, making available its vertically-integrated in-flight Internet system, inclusive of providing Supplemental Type Certificates (STCs); wireless IFE system support; passenger-facing access portals; and an end-to-end service that will leverage connectivity from Eutelsat. The connectivity service uses KA-SAT, Eutelsat's high-capacity Ka-band broadband satellite whose service area spans Europe and the Mediterranean Basin.

ViaSat, Inc. (NASDAQ: [VSAT](#)) keeps the world connected. As a global broadband services and technology company, ViaSat ensures consumers, businesses, governments and military personnel have communications access - anywhere - whether on the ground or in-flight. The Company's innovations in designing highest-capacity satellites and secure ground infrastructure and terminal technologies coupled with its international network of managed Wi-Fi hotspots enable ViaSat to deliver a best available network that extends the reach and accessibility of broadband internet service, globally. For more information visit ViaSat at: [www.viasat.com](http://www.viasat.com), or follow the Company on social media: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [YouTube](#).

## **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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