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MONACO TELECOM PROVIDES GROUND SUPPORT FOR MONACOSAT

Monaco Telecom (MT), part of Cable & Wireless Communications, has signed an agreement with Space Systems International Monaco (SSI-Monaco) to provide ground support for its new satellite telecommunications services business.

SSI-Monaco will be launching the MonacoSat satellite at the end of 2014. The flexibility and capacity of MonacoSat will allow it to provide services in countries within the Middle East, North Africa, Central Asia and Europe.

MT will be providing infrastructure and services using the company's satellite ground station, known as a Teleport. This will enable SSI-Monaco to provide services including internet and HD TV. MT's connectivity agreements with major telecoms 'carriers' and access to the Europe India Gateway submarine cable will enable countries served by the satellite to also develop social telecoms services like telemedicine, online education etc. connected with any country in Europe, Africa or America. Countries utilising MonacoSat will safeguard data using MT's datacentre hosting facilities in the Principality.

Martin Péronnet, Managing Director of Monaco Telecom, said:

"With this agreement Monaco Telecom will enhance its ability to provide global telecommunications solutions in the Europe-Africa-Asia area. This is an exciting opportunity for growth and we are pleased to be working with SSI-Monaco to be delivering this innovative solution."

Dr. Ilhami Aygun, President & CEO of SSI-Monaco, said:

"This agreement shows the capacity and power of two Monaco companies, who will jointly develop an offer for the global supply of satellite telecommunication services from Monaco."

The satellite will utilise the 52°East Monaco orbital position registered with the International Telecommunications Union.

About Cable & Wireless Communications

Cable & Wireless Communications is a full-service communications business. We operate leading communications businesses offering mobile, broadband and domestic and international fixed line services in most of our markets as well as pay TV, data centre and hosting, carrier and managed service solutions. Our operations are focused on providing our customers - consumers, businesses, governments - with world-class service. We are the market leader in most products we offer and territories we serve. For more information visit <u>www.cwc.com</u>.

About Monaco Telecom

Monaco Telecom is Monaco's only full service telecoms operator and is strongly committed to providing residents of the Principality with the latest services and high quality customer service. We are owned by Cable & Wireless Communications (49%) and the Government of Monaco (45%). The final share of the company (6%) is held in trust by the Compagnie Monégasque de Banque.

In Monaco we are the leading provider of mobile services and sole provider of fixed line, broadband and pay TV.

Our international strategy is to work with partners to build high quality mobile, broadband and satellite services in emerging markets and the Mediterranean region. We have successfully partnered with national mobile operators in Kosovo and Afghanistan to provide network infrastructure and operational support (GSM, data, international voice, management of traffic and roaming, specific country code).

For more information, please visit: <u>http://www.monaco.mc</u>

About SSI-Monaco

Founded in 2004, SSI-Monaco, a Monaco-based company, is involved in the acquisition, operation and management of telecommunication satellites, and in the equipment and systems related to these activities.

In 2009, SSI-Monaco signed a licence agreement with the Monaco government for the development and use of the 52° East orbital position. Having succeeded in co-ordinating the frequency of this position with other operators, SSI, in partnership with Thales Alenia Space (TAS), developed the MonacoSat communication satellite project.

On November 2011, a contract was signed between SSI-Monaco, TAS and the Communications Minister of Turkmenistan. The launch of the satellite, scheduled for mid-November 2014, will be by the Falcon 9 launcher of the American company, Space X.

With the support of agreements with the main telecommunication operators, SSI-Monaco will be in charge of the operation, commercialisation and marketing of the capacity of MonacoSat.

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