Press Release

SATLYNX and MACAB deliver broadband via satellite for the CHURCH OF SWEDEN

Betzdorf, October 14, 2005 – Satlynx SA is pleased to announce an agreement between the Church of Sweden and Macab, Satlynx's key sales and service partner in Sweden, for the availability of a broadband via satellite solution for all its churches across Sweden.

The Church of Sweden has 3500 churches and many of these may benefit from the connectivity and speed delivered by a 2-way broadband satellite solution. Håkan Normann, responsible for the Church's IT Department, who initiated and trail-blazed this solution, has signed an agreement for the group to cover equipment and services. He says, "Among our 865 parishes, I estimate distribution is around 50/50 between parishes that can get a fast internet connection and those who have no connection today and wont get it in the foreseeable future. For these, satellite is the perfect solution. The speed is sufficient for our administrative needs, the monthly cost is reasonable, but the real benefit comes from being 'always-on'.

The solution available to the Church is the Macab Skystar 360E, based on the Satlynx 360E platform, a simple and complete solution for two-way Internet traffic via satellite. The system comprises antenna, cable, terminal and subscription and is designed for multiple users on one 512kbps or 1Mbps asymmetric connection.

The first of the Churches to get connected was the Revsunds Church in the county of Jämtland. Like all other Parishes in Sweden it has an administration dependent on IT and has a small network of PCs, servers and printers. Anders Wahlman from the Revsunds Church says, "We are very satisfied with the new access to the Internet via satellite. The installation of equipment was uncomplicated and easy to start up, the only thing we had to do was make a simple adjustment to our internal network. The most important thing for us is that we are now permanently connected to the Internet without occupying one or several phone lines."

Håkan Normann concludes that, "The Church of Sweden is heavily dependent on IT with over 12,000 users, each with email and a need to access the net". All registrations in the parish are performed online from the network via a secure connection to the central administration in the city of Uppsala. "Thanks to the satellite access we were able to connect those who have no access to broadband. This can now be done in a simple way with a low and fixed investment cost. With this solution we are able to reach up to the very northern part of Sweden. This is a big step forward especially since the test installations turned out to be just as reliable as we expected. I really hope that the rest of our parishes will follow. We need a quick and safe communication with the rest of the world. This was clearly shown last winter after the tsunami catastrophe."

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About Macab

Macab AB's operations are based on products that are needed to distribute TV and data signals to homes and offices via satellite, cable networks or other means. In 2004, the company had a turnover of EUR 8 million and currently has 30 employees. Macab markets its complete range of CATV products in Scandinavia and niche products, like Multilet, to selected export markets worldwide. The Head Office is located in Trelleborg, Sweden. Branch offices and subsidiaries are located in Stockholm Sweden, Oslo Norway and Boston USA.

Additional information for the Church of Sweden can be found here:
www.macab.se/svenskakyrkan

About SATLYNX

Satlynx, a majority owned SES ASTRA company, is the leading provider of two-way satellite broadband communication services throughout Europe.

Satlynx solutions working for customers today include: multinational networks for logistical information sharing, credit card transactions and broadcast distribution; broadband internet access in remote areas beyond the reach of cable or ADSL; transportable, back-up and disaster recovery solutions; secure and world-wide connectivity for private point-to-point, meshed, video, voice and data networks.

Satlynx provides customised solutions directly to large Enterprises and Institutions and working with telecommunication operators, system integrators and via Europe's largest network of specialist partners to SME's. Satlynx has an unmatched depth of experience and know-how in both the technology and the operation of very large VSAT networks and provides services on a range of platforms and satellites. This combination gives customers a range of possibilities unparalleled by any other operator, providing fast network connections virtually anywhere.

Additional information about Satlynx can be found at www.satlynx.com