



Press Release

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Alcatel joins SATLYNX as new shareholder, in order to optimise 2-way broadband satellite solutions using the DVB-RCS standard.

SATLYNX announces the addition of Alcatel Space and SkyBridge (Alcatel subsidiaries) in its shareholding structure. This partnership is aimed at reinforcing the development of interactive services via satellite, based on the DVB-RCS (Digital Video Broadcasting – Return Channel via Satellite) standard. The Agreement also confirms SATLYNX's competitive positioning in Europe in its 2-way satellite broadband services, which now allow the ISP and Telco operators to complement their ADSL networks, by offering broadband services to residential users, SMEs and SOHOs, schools, municipalities and other public organisms across all of Europe, in the non-covered zones for terrestrial broadband services.

Through this agreement, SATLYNX sees an optimisation of its interactive service portfolio in terms of performance of its systems, as well as in the extension of service solutions provided. Alcatel's know-how gives the Telco and ISP operators an opportunity to complete its ADSL broadband offerings by integrating both the satellite and terrestrial telecommunication networks.

Gérard Dosogne, Director of Business Development of Alcatel Space, declares: " Through this agreement, Alcatel confirms participation in its strategy of development of satellite telecommunications systems. The use of the DVR-RCS European norm also guarantees open-standard solutions, which will continue to be inter-operable and competitive."

Yves Elsen, President and CEO of Satlynx, comments: "The arrival of Alcatel in our shareholding structure reinforces the choice of our positioning in the development of DVB-RCS, in terms of our satellite interactive services already in use, which are also completely complementary to our satellite services based on the Gilat platforms. This alliance will have a positive impact on all market players in the satellite telecommunications business. A number of prestigious clients in Europe, such as La Poste in France, NeoSky in Spain and DC-Satnet in the UK have already entrusted us in the use of the DVB-RCS standard, which has proven benefits both in the quality of service and functionalities provided."

SATLYNX is a joint venture owned by SES GLOBAL, Gilat Satellite Networks and Alcatel Space / SkyBridge. SATLYNX has created an unrivalled portfolio of reliable and cost-effective two-way broadband service solutions for a wide range of applications all over Europe. Customers being served by SATLYNX's network include La Poste (France), BT Openworld (UK), TISCALI (Italy) and Neo Sky (Spain) among others.

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

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