



## PRESS RELEASE

### **SATLYNX enables TISCALI to roll out TISCALI SAT in 10 European countries - Broadband interactive satellite Internet Access also available in Finland and Slovakia**

Château de Betzdorf, Luxembourg, 8 December 2003 – SATLYNX' customer TISCALI has expanded its interactive high-speed Internet service via satellite to Finland and Slovakia. With this extension, the TISCALI two-way satellite service is now available in 10 European countries.

Companies and residential end-users in suburban and rural areas, located beyond the reach of DSL, can now get a two-way broadband satellite connection to the Internet, with download speed up to 500 kbps.

TISCALI provides two-way satellite broadband connectivity services to consumers, SoHo (Small Office & Home Office) and SME (Small & Medium Enterprises) throughout most of Europe, as part of its Internet access portfolio. TISCALI's two-way satellite Internet service, TISCALISAT, allows customers to enjoy fast and easy upload and download of rich media, audio and video content, while being always on line.

The service in Finland will be provided through TISCALI Finland (<http://www.tiscali.fi>), while the service in Slovakia will be handled through a local distributor managed out of TISCALI Czech (<http://www.tiscali.cz>)

Paul Heinerscheid, President and CEO of SATLYNX, said: "SATLYNX has been working with Tiscali for about 2 years on the roll-out of their two-way satellite internet service. Now, we are seeing momentum build in several central European countries, and are very pleased that we are extending further towards Northern and Eastern Europe. The advantages of two-way satellite solutions remain strong in territories like Slovakia and Finland: both countries have enormous rural areas without broadband infrastructure, which are generating substantial demand from businesses within these territories."

**SATLYNX** is a joint venture owned by SES GLOBAL, Gilat Satellite Networks and Alcatel Space, with headquarters in Luxembourg. SATLYNX has created an unrivalled portfolio of reliable and cost-effective two-way broadband service solutions for a wide range of applications, with full European coverage. Customers being served by SATLYNX' network include France Télécom, La Poste (France), BT Openworld (UK), TISCALI (Italy), ESSO (Europe) and NeoSky (Spain) among others.

Additional information about SATLYNX can be found at [www.satlynx.com](http://www.satlynx.com)

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**TISCALI**, Tiscali S.p.A., headquartered in Cagliari, Italy, is the number one pan-European Provider of Internet access to consumers and a leader in Internet-based data, voice and audio/video services for businesses.

Today TISCALISAT is available in: Norway, Sweden, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, UK, Czech Republic, Finland and Slovakia. The service is targeted for small and medium enterprises, which are out of ADSL reach. TISCALI is the first pan-European Internet service provider to have a two-way satellite service available in its broadband portfolio. TISCALISAT is supported by SATLYNX, which provides end-to-end satellite and network management services.

Additional information about TISCALI Satellite services can be found at [www.tiscali.com](http://www.tiscali.com) or at the individual Tiscali country websites.