



Telesat Completes Agreements for Satellite Capacity with Bell TV and EchoStar Corporation

Bell TV Commits to Construction of New Canadian Broadcast Satellite and EchoStar Will Use Entire Available Nimiq 5 Payload

OTTAWA, Sep. 17, 2009 (Canada NewsWire via COMTEX News Network) -- Telesat, the world's fourth largest fixed satellite services operator, announced today that it has completed agreements for new satellite capacity with two of its key customers, Bell TV and EchoStar Corporation (Nasdaq: SATS).

Bell TV, the leading provider of direct-to-home services in Canada, has agreed to utilize a new Telesat direct broadcast satellite which is planned for construction beginning in the first quarter of 2010. The new satellite will augment Bell TV's capacity and capabilities at its prime orbital locations of 82 and 91 degrees West. EchoStar, which had previously contracted for half the capacity of Telesat's new Nimiq 5 satellite, has now committed to use the entire available Nimiq 5 payload for the anticipated 15-year life of the satellite.

"We are very pleased to have entered into arrangements that meet the strategic requirements of Bell TV and EchoStar, two longstanding and important Telesat customers," said Dan Goldberg, Telesat's President and CEO. "We look forward to the launch of Nimiq 5 scheduled for later today and beginning construction on the new satellite for Bell TV early next year."

Nimiq 5 is scheduled for launch on a Proton rocket September 18th from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan (September 17th in Ottawa) and is intended to operate in geostationary orbit from 72.7 degrees West. EchoStar expects to provide capacity from Nimiq 5, which has 32 high-powered Ku-band transponders, to its customer, DISH Network L.L.C., a wholly owned subsidiary of DISH Network Corporation, for the delivery of direct-to-home television services.

About Telesat (www.telesat.com)

Headquartered in Ottawa, Canada, with offices and facilities around the world, Telesat is the fourth-largest fixed satellite services operator. The company provides reliable and secure satellite-delivered communications solutions to broadcast, telecom, corporate and government customers. Telesat has a global state-of-the-art fleet of 11 in-orbit satellites, with one scheduled for launch and another under construction, and manages the operations of 12 additional satellites for third parties. Telesat is privately held. Its principal shareholders are Canada's Public Sector Pension Investment Board and Loral Space & Communications Inc.

About EchoStar Corporation

EchoStar Corporation (Nasdaq: SATS) provides equipment sales, digital broadcast operations, and satellite services that enhance today's digital TV lifestyle, including products from Sling Media, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary. Headquartered in Englewood, Colo., EchoStar has 25 years of experience designing, developing and distributing award-winning television set-top boxes and related products for pay television providers and is creating hardware and service solutions for cable, telco, IPTV and satellite TV companies. EchoStar includes a network of 10 digital broadcast centers and leased fiber optic capacity with points of presence in approximately 160 U.S. cities. EchoStar also delivers satellite services through eight satellites and related FCC licenses. Visit www.echostar.com

About DISH Network L.L.C.

DISH Network L.L.C., a wholly owned subsidiary of DISH Network Corporation (Nasdaq: DISH), the nation's HD leader, provides approximately 13.610 million satellite TV customers as of June 30, 2009, with the highest quality programming and technology at the best value, including the lowest all-digital price nationwide. Customers have access to hundreds of video and audio channels, the most HD channels, the most international channels, state-of-the-art interactive TV applications, and award-winning HD and DVR technology including 1080p Video on Demand and the ViP® 722 HD DVR, a CNET and PC Magazine "Editors' Choice." Visit www.dishnetwork.com

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