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FASTWEB CHOOSES EUTELSAT TO BRING BROADBAND SATELLITE CONNECTIONS IN ITALY

Closed an agreement to use the Tooway™ system

Milan, Paris, November 12, 2008 – FASTWEB, Italy's second-largest fixed telecommunications provider has signed an industrial agreement with Eutelsat Communications (Euronext Paris: ETL) via its Skylogic broadband subsidiary that will allow FASTWEB to extend the coverage of broadband service through satellite connections.

FASTWEB's network currently reaches 50% of the population. Thanks to the satellite connectivity provided by Eutelsat's Tooway™ service, broadband access will in the future be available to companies, local governments and homes located in areas which were previously impossible to reach. In fact, FASTWEB's services will have the potential to be extended to areas where no broadband provider is present – representing approximately 6% of Italian territory – thus enabling the elimination of the infrastructural digital divide.

The Tooway™ satellite system, which requires no telephone connection, provides two-way wireless Internet access at 2 Mbps in downlink and 384 kbps in uplink. The satellite service is currently provided using Ka-band capacity on Eutelsat's HOT BIRD™ 6 satellite. From 2010, when Eutelsat's KA-SAT satellite designed for Internet connectivity will be launched, speeds will be further enhanced to up to 20 Mbps in the downlink.

The broadband access service will be provided through Skylogic's SkyPark teleport facilities in Turin, while the commercial strategy, pricing and development of further value added services will be driven by FASTWEB on a fully independent basis.

“Broadband access is a vital growth factor. FASTWEB's aim has always been to use every technological tool available to bridge the digital divide and serve the entire country. The agreement with Eutelsat enables us to extend our new-generation broadband service to even the most remote areas of the country,” said Mario Mella, FASTWEB's Director of Network & Systems. “With Tooway™ we have found an innovative solution guaranteeing high performance and reliable service.”

Arduino Patacchini, CEO of Skylogic and Multimedia Director of Eutelsat, said: "The selection of Tooway™ by a leading European provider of broadband services and a major player in deploying national broadband programmes underscores the quality and scalability of our satellite broadband service, which will take a further substantial leap forward in 2010 with the launch of the KA-SAT satellite programme. This choice illustrates how satellites are engrained as a core technology for bridging the digital divide. We are delighted that FASTWEB, a hallmark for innovation and quality, is integrating Tooway™ into its portfolio of broadband services."

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About FASTWEB

FASTWEB is Italy's second largest fixed telecommunications provider and the first player worldwide to develop an all IP network for triple play service delivery. Currently FASTWEB operates in more than 150 Italian cities via a network of more than 27,000 km. FASTWEB uses a unique technological model combining the extensive use of the Internet Protocol (IP) for voice, data and video transmission both via optical fiber and xDSL technology. Totalling more than 1.4 million clients, the Company provides customers with a wide range of integrated services (voice, data and video) on a single wire. As of September 2008, FASTWEB launched its mobile voice and data service and revolutionized its residential offer in order to make it even more convergent. FASTWEB also offers advanced competitive services to all business segments – Public authorities, large companies, small and medium enterprises, professionals, sohos, universities and research institutes. Listed on the Milan Stock Exchange since March 2000 and included within the S&P Mib40Index, FASTWEB is now controlled by Swisscom. www.company.fastweb.it

About Eutelsat Communications

Eutelsat Communications (Euronext Paris: ETL, ISIN code: FR0010221234) is the holding company of Eutelsat S.A.. With capacity commercialised on 24 satellites that provide coverage over the entire European continent, as well as the Middle East, Africa, India and significant parts of Asia and the Americas, Eutelsat is one of the world's three leading satellite operators in terms of revenues. At 30 September 2008, Eutelsat's satellites were broadcasting more than 3,180 television channels and 1,100 radio stations. Almost 1,100 channels broadcast via its HOT BIRD™ video neighbourhood at 13 degrees East which serves over 120 million cable and satellite homes in Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. The Group's satellites also serve a wide range of fixed and mobile telecommunications services, TV contribution markets, corporate networks, and broadband markets for Internet Service Providers and for transport, maritime and in-flight markets. Eutelsat's broadband subsidiary, Skylogic, markets and operates services through its teleport in Italy that serves enterprises, local communities, government agencies and aid organisations in Europe, Africa, Asia and the Americas. Headquartered in Paris, Eutelsat and its subsidiaries employ 538 commercial, technical and operational experts from 27 countries.

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