



ViaSat Awarded Broadband Gateway Contract for New Eutelsat Ka-band KA-SAT Satellite

Eight Gateway Earth Stations Planned Throughout Europe for Tooway(TM) Consumer Broadband

CARLSBAD, Calif., Mar 31, 2009 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- ViaSat Inc. (NASDAQ: VSAT) has received an \$18 million contract award from Skylogic, the broadband subsidiary of Eutelsat Communications (Eutelsat Communications-Euronext Paris: ETL) for broadband gateway earth stations for the previously announced high-capacity KA-SAT Ka-band satellite system. ViaSat is under contract to deliver and install eight broadband earth stations throughout Europe, as well as provide maintenance and support services. The [earth station gateways](#) are designed to connect subscribers of Eutelsat Tooway(TM) satellite broadband service to the Internet. The ViaSat ground infrastructure will be available for the KA-SAT launch scheduled for mid-2010.

"This award solidifies our leadership position in Ka-band earth stations for broadband satellite communications. To date, we have delivered over 75 Ka-band earth stations to commercial and military customers worldwide," said John Zlogar, VP Antenna Systems at ViaSat.

The [Tooway](#) service operated by Eutelsat broadband subsidiary Skylogic is already supplying consumer broadband service using the Eutelsat HOT BIRD(TM) 6 and Eurobird(TM) 3 satellites and the ViaSat SurfBeam? networking system.

KA-SAT is a high capacity [Ka-band spot beam satellite](#) with planned coverage over Europe, the Middle East, and Northern Africa. With a capacity estimated at 70 Gbps, KA-SAT is expected to be (at launch) the highest capacity satellite in the world. KA-SAT is a European counterpart to ViaSat-1, a Ka-band satellite designed to deliver 100 Gbps of broadband capacity to the North American market, with a planned launch in 2011.

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ViaSat produces innovative satellite and other digital communication products that enable fast, secure, and efficient communications to any location. The company provides networking products and managed network services for enterprise IP applications; is a key supplier of network-centric military communications and encryption technologies to the U.S. government; and is the primary technology partner for gateway and customer-premises equipment for consumer and mobile satellite broadband services. The company has five subsidiaries: US Monolithics, Efficient Channel Coding, Enerdyne Technologies, Intelligent Compression Technologies and JAST. These companies design and produce complementary products such as monolithic microwave integrated circuits, DVB-S2 satellite communication components, video data link systems, data acceleration and compression products, and mobile satellite antenna systems. ViaSat has locations in Carlsbad, CA, and Duluth, GA, along with its Comsat Laboratories division in Germantown, MD. Additional field offices are located in Boston, MA, Baltimore, MD, Washington DC, Australia, China, India, Italy, and Spain.

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