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AsiaSat 5 Arrives at Baikonur Launch Site

Hong Kong, 13 July 2009 – AsiaSat 5, a new communications satellite of Asia Satellite Telecommunications Company Limited (AsiaSat), has arrived at the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan in preparation for launch by a Proton launch vehicle currently scheduled for early to mid-August.

AsiaSat 5 is a replacement satellite for AsiaSat 2 at the orbital location of 100.5 degrees East. The spacecraft, based on Space Systems/Loral's 1300 satellite bus, is designed to provide advanced satellite services including television broadcast, telephone networks and VSAT networks for broadband multimedia services across Asia Pacific.

"AsiaSat 5 will become the newest member of the AsiaSat fleet to help us continue our mission of providing first-class regional satellite services to Asia Pacific. Equipped with the latest but proven technologies, improved and new beam coverage on AsiaSat 5, we look forward to serving existing and future clients with enhanced power, connectivity and network flexibility," said Peter Jackson, Chief Executive Officer of AsiaSat.

AsiaSat 5 will carry 26 C-band and 14 Ku-band transponders, and has an estimated operational life of 15 years. It will offer an enhanced pan Asian C-band footprint that covers more than 53 countries spanning from Russia to New Zealand and from Japan to the Middle East and parts of Africa. Its Ku-band coverage will consist of two high-power fixed Ku-band beams over East Asia and South Asia, and an in-orbit steerable Ku beam. The three Ku-band beams are designed with switching capability to switch any uplink to any downlink beam to meet specific application requirements.

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About AsiaSat

AsiaSat, the leading regional satellite operator in Asia, serves over two-thirds of the world's population with its three satellites, AsiaSat 2 at 100.5°E, AsiaSat 3S at 105.5°E and AsiaSat 4 at 122°E. The AsiaSat satellite fleet provides services to both the broadcast and telecommunications industries. Over 300 television and radio channels are now delivered by the company's satellites, reaching over 96 million households, with more than 360 million viewers across the Asia Pacific region. Many telecommunications customers use AsiaSat for services such as public telephone networks, private VSAT networks and broadband multimedia services. It is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Asia Satellite Telecommunications Holdings Limited, a company listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (SEHK: 1135). In March and June of this year, AsiaSat was selected the 'Best Asian Satellite Carrier' and the 'Satellite Service Provider of the Year in Asia Pacific' respectively by Telecom Asia magazine and Frost & Sullivan. For more information, please visit www.asiasat.com



Loading the AsiaSat 5 spacecraft into the container at SS/L's manufacturing facility in Palo Alto, California, USA

Photo courtesy of Space Systems/Loral



Offloading the AsiaSat 5 spacecraft container at Yubileiny Airfield in Baikonur

Photo courtesy of ILS International Launch Services

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