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**Official Inauguration of a new European Technology Platform:
The Integral Satcom Initiative (ISI)**

On February 1, 2006, highest level representatives of prominent satellite industry companies and organizations, under the auspices of the European Commission and of the European Space Agency, will meet at the Sheraton Brussels Hotel and Towers, in Brussels, to officially inaugurate a new *European Technology Platform*, the “**Integral Satcom Initiative (ISI)**”, as part the 7th Framework Programme (FP7), which will drive European RTD initiatives in the period 2007-2013.

The ISI platform is designed to bring together for the first time in a unified forum all aspects related to **satellite communications (satcom)**, including **mobile, broadband, and broadcasting** applications, **security** systems and applications, and the integration of data communications with **navigation, Earth observation** and **Air Traffic Management** systems.

ISI is a timely initiative because satellite communications are recognised to be a strategic sector for Europe, with significant economic impact and high societal relevance, as they are instrumental for European-wide and International broadcasting, mobile communications, broadband access, bridging the digital divide, safety, crisis management, disaster relief, and dual use applications. ISI has the explicit purpose to foster the entire satcom sector and positively contribute to several EU policies, in order to promote European industrial competitiveness, growth and employment in a sustainable way, in synergy with National priorities. Representative sectors of interest for ISI include **ICT, Space, Security, Transport, Development, and Environment**. Specific policy initiatives of interest include **i2010**, the **European Space Policy**, and in general all those initiatives which can benefit from the existence of an efficient satellite communications infrastructure, or which are aimed at the development of innovative satellite services and technologies.

Leveraging on the pioneering work performed since 2001 in the Task Force on Advanced Satellite Mobile Systems (www.asms-tf.org), ISI brings together all interested stakeholders from industry, operators, service providers, and research institutions, which have produced a **Strategic Vision Document** and **Research Agenda**, encompassing technical, regulatory, standardization, and financial issues. As of today, ISI enumerates more than 100 participants, belonging to 17 Countries: Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Luxemburg, Norway, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, Russia, United Kingdom, and the United States of America.

For more information see the ISI website www.isi-initiative.eu.org .

ISI Participants:

Accenture, Acorde, Adianta, Aersat, Aetheric Engineering, Agilent Technologies, Alcatel Alenia Space, Ansur Technologies, ASMS-TF, ASTER, Atos Origin, AUTH, AWE Communications, BUTE, CEA-LETI, Cedetel, CNES, CNIT, Create-Net, CTTC, DLR, E2e Services, EADS Astrium, Edosoft Factory, Elsacom, EMS Satcom, Enteos, ESOA, Espaci, ESYS, ETRI, Euroma, Eutelsat, Fraunhofer IIS, Gilat, Graz University of Technology, Hispasat, Hollycroft, Horama, IASA, ICCS, ICO, Idate, IMST, Indra Espacio, Inmarsat, Integrasys, Intracom, Isdefe, ISTI, Jast, Joanneum Research, Jozef Stefan Institute, Kell, Mavigex, Metodos y Tecnologia, MOSSA, Moviquity, NCSR, Nd Satcom, Nera, Newtec, NOA, NTUA, OHB, OpenSky, ONERA, Promospace, Rose Vision, SatEXPO, SatNEx, SES Global, Sibsuti, Sirius Satellite Radio, Space Engineering, Space Hellas, Supaero, Technical University of Cartagena, Telenor, Telespazio, Teletel, TriaGnoSys, TTI, Turin Polytechnic, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, University “Mediterranea” of Reggio Calabria, University of Aegean, University of Aberdeen, University of Bologna, University of Bradford, University of Brighton, University of Cagliari, University of Calabria, University of Cantabria, University of Genoa, University of Modena, University of Oviedo, University of Parma, University of Parma, University of Pavia, University of Rome La Sapienza, University of Rome Tor Vergata, University of Surrey, University of Trento, University of Vigo, University of York.