

## Thales Alenia Space delivers YahSat 1A communication module

**Cannes, February 25, 2010** – Thales Alenia Space has delivered the YahSat 1A communication module to EADS Astrium, for integration on their platform and tests.

The initial satellite contract signed in 2007 between Al Yah Satellite Communications Company “Yahsat”, a wholly owned subsidiary of Mubadala Development Company, and a joint team of Thales Alenia Space and EADS Astrium forecasts the delivery of a dual satellite communications system comprising two satellites, Yahsat 1A and 1B, to be delivered in orbit as well as the associated ground infrastructure.

Thales Alenia Space will deliver YahSat 1B payload before the end of this year.

Thales Alenia Space is the prime contractor for the space segment, and will design and build the communications payloads. EADS Astrium is responsible for the satellites, providing the Eurostar E3000 platforms, as well as integration, tests and Launch Early Operation Phase (LEOP) for both satellites. The ground and network management segments (comprising ground terminals) are also under their responsibility and will be provided in close coordination with Thales Alenia Space and Thales.

YahSat 1A should be launched during first quarter of 2011 and YahSat 1B during second half of 2011. The operational life of the satellites is estimated at 15 years.

### About Thales Alenia Space

The European leader in satellite systems and a major player in orbital infrastructures, Thales Alenia Space is a joint venture between Thales (67%) and Finmeccanica (33%). Thales Alenia Space and Telespazio embody the two groups’ “Space Alliance”. Thales Alenia Space sets the global standard in solutions for space telecoms, radar and optical Earth observation, defense and security, navigation and science. The company achieved revenues of Euro 2 billion in 2008 and has a total of 7,200 employees located in 11 industrial sites in France, Italy, Spain and Belgium.

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