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Frank Dangeard, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Thomson, to join the board of Eutelsat Communications

Paris – Giuliano Berretta, Chairman and CEO of Eutelsat Communications, today announced that Frank Dangeard has accepted to become an independent Board member of Eutelsat Communications.

Frank Dangeard has been Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Thomson, which provides services and systems to the media and entertainment industry, since September 2004.

Mr. Dangeard joined Thomson in April 1997 as Senior Executive Vice President and became Vice-Chairman of the Board in July 2001. From September 2002 to September 2004, he was Senior Executive Vice President of France Telecom.

From September 1989 to April 1997 he was Managing Director of the investment bank SG Warburg and from 1995, he was also Chairman of the Board of SG Warburg France. From September 1986 to June 1989, he was a lawyer at Sullivan & Cromwell in New York and London.

Franck Dangeard is also a board member of the French electricity company Electricite de France (EDF), of the mobile telecom operator Orange and of the investment bank Calyon.

Aged 47, he graduated from the école des Hautes Etudes Commerciales (H.E.C.), the Paris Institut d'Etudes Politiques and from Harvard Law School, and is a member of the New York Bar.

Giuliano Berretta, Chairman and CEO of Eutelsat Communications comments:

“Frank Dangeard’s experience and professionalism is widely recognised in the telecommunications, media and technology sectors. I am certain that he will make a significant contribution to the Board of Eutelsat Communications and we offer him a warm welcome”.

About Eutelsat Communications

Eutelsat Communications Group is Europe’s leading satellite operator with capacity commercialised on 23 satellites providing coverage of the entire European continent, as well as the Middle East, Africa and significant parts of Asia and the Americas.

The Group is one of the world's three leading satellite operators in terms of revenues. Its satellites are used for broadcasting over 1,700 TV and 860 radio stations to nearly 120 million cable and satellite homes. It also provides TV contribution services, corporate networks, satellite broadband access services, mobile positioning and communications for terrestrial, maritime and in-flight applications.

Eutelsat Communications is headquartered in Paris, and the Group employs a staff of 481 people from 25 countries.

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