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APPOINTMENTS:

**MICHEL AZIBERT JOINS EUTELSAT AS DEPUTY CEO
JEAN-PAUL BRILLAUD TO BE PROPOSED AS BOARD MEMBER**

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The Board of Eutelsat Communications (Euronext Paris: ETL) today appointed Michel Azibert to the post of Deputy CEO and corporate officer on the recommendation of Michel de Rosen, the Group's CEO.

Michel Azibert will succeed Jean-Paul Brillaud following the General Assembly of shareholders of Eutelsat Communications of 8 November, at which point Jean-Paul will relinquish his operational role as deputy CEO. Michel Azibert will join Eutelsat on 5 September from TDF, where he is currently Deputy CEO, to work closely with Jean-Paul during September and October in order to ensure a smooth transition.

Eutelsat also announced that the Fonds Stratégique d'Investissement (FSI) will propose that the Board of Eutelsat Communications submits a resolution at the General Assembly of shareholders of 8 November 2011 to nominate Jean-Paul Brillaud as a Board member.

"I am delighted to welcome Michel Azibert to Eutelsat and am convinced that his competence and experience will further fuel our ambitions to pursue growth and anchor satellites at the heart of the digital economy in all our markets," declared Michel de Rosen. "I also pay tribute to Jean-Paul for his considerable contribution to Eutelsat's track record of uninterrupted growth. As France Telecom's representative on Eutelsat's Board for eight years, and since 1999 as a key member of our management team, Jean-Paul is one of the principal architects of our success and at a broader level an exceptional professional in a dynamically expanding sector."

Michel Azibert, 56 years, graduated from the École Centrale de Paris and France's National School of Administration (ENA - *Ecole Nationale d'Administration*). From 1982 to 1989 he worked at the French State Council (Conseil d'État), before joining TDF where his appointments have included Development and International director and Group Deputy CEO since October 2008. He will join Eutelsat's Executive Committee comprising Michel de Rosen (CEO), David Bair (Chief Technical Officer), Jacques Dutronc (Director of Satellite Missions and Programmes), Catherine Guillouard (Chief Financial Officer) and Andrew Wallace (Chief Commercial Officer).

About Eutelsat Communications

Eutelsat Communications (Euronext Paris: ETL, ISIN code: FR0010221234) is the holding company of Eutelsat S.A.. With capacity commercialised on 27 satellites that provide coverage over the entire European continent, as well as the Middle East, Africa, India and significant parts of Asia and the Americas, Eutelsat is one of the world's three leading satellite operators in terms of revenues. At 30 June 2011, Eutelsat's satellites were broadcasting more than 3,800 television channels. More than 1,100 channels broadcast via its HOT BIRD™ video neighbourhood at 13 degrees East which serves over 120 million cable and satellite homes in Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. The Group's satellites also serve a wide range of fixed and mobile telecommunications services, TV contribution markets, corporate networks, and broadband markets for Internet Service Providers and for transport, maritime and in-flight markets. Eutelsat's broadband subsidiary, Skylogic, markets and operates access to high speed internet services through teleports in France and Italy that serve enterprises, local communities, government agencies and aid organisations in Europe, Africa, Asia and the Americas. Headquartered in Paris, Eutelsat and its subsidiaries employ just over 700 commercial, technical and operational employees from 30 countries.

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