



NEWTEC SET TO SUPPLY Ka-BAND READY Sat3Play[®] TERMINALS AND HUB EQUIPMENT

Sint-Niklaas, Belgium, 7th January 2010. Newtec, a world-leading innovator in the satellite communications industry, today announced that it has further enhanced its technology for satellite broadband and will soon start supplying its customers with new Ka-band ready Sat3Play[®] terminals and hub equipment.

The new Ka-band ready Sat3Play[®] terminal also includes Newtec's revolutionary 4CPM modulation and coding scheme, which substantially increases the speed and bandwidth efficiency of the return link. This makes Sat3Play[®] a perfect fit for both the consumer and professional market. Furthermore, Sat3Play[®] can be combined with VoIP and Direct-To-Home television services and supports a large variety of professional applications such as for the maritime, energy, transport and security markets.

"We are tremendously pleased to be able to provide our customers with our technologically advanced and state-of-the-art Ka-band ready Sat3Play[®] equipment. The product is ideal for satellite service providers who wish to launch a Ka-band based broadband service or for satellite service providers who wish to migrate at some point in time their Ku-band based network towards Ka-band." said Newtec CEO Serge Van Herck.

In the past three years, Newtec has successfully cooperated with the European satellite provider SES ASTRA for the delivery of its Sat3Play[®] HUBs and terminals for SES ASTRA's successful interactive broadband service ASTRA2Connect, the leading consumer satellite broadband network in Europe.

"We are happy to see Newtec having made such a significant product evolution. Newtec's potential for innovation plays an important role for the further development of the ASTRA2Connect broadband service in many regions," said Norbert Willems, Managing Director of ASTRA Broadband Services. *"Newtec has an excellent reputation for their technology and their commitment towards customers. We are pleased to see that Newtec continues to invest in future-proof technology,"* he added.

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ABOUT NEWTEC

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Newtec is the European market leader in Satellite Communications, offering highly reliable products and solutions including DVB-S2 modulators and modems, Digital TV & Radio Distribution and Exchange networks, IP Broadband Access Networks as well as software solutions for the optimization of Internet traffic to customers worldwide.

With its ambitious policy of re-investment in R&D, Newtec is recognized as a forerunner in several innovative satellite communication technologies, which have been published as industry standards (DVB, DVB-S2, DVB RCS and iSatTV Cenelec pr EN50478).

Established in 1985, and headquartered in Belgium, the company has regional offices located in Stamford (US), Singapore (Singapore), Beijing (China), Dubai (UAE) and São Paulo (Brazil). Newtec's Tellitec[®] IP software products for Internet traffic optimization and data communication are engineered in Newtec's research and development facilities in Berlin (Germany). Newtec's subsidiary TurboConcept in Brest (France), develops Intellectual Property Cores for turbo and LDPC building blocks.

More details about Sat3Play are available at www.newtec.eu/Sat3Play.