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SES AMERICOM and iDirect enter into Strategic Relationship

June 18, 2002 - Princeton, NJ - SES AMERICOM, a pioneer and leading provider of global satellite communications services, and iDirect, a leading provider of broadband IP solutions over satellite, jointly announced today the signing of an agreement whereby SES AMERICOM and iDirect will jointly market and revenue share Ku-band satellite capacity on AMERICOM-6 (AMC-6) to provide enterprises in the Caribbean and in North and Central America with high-speed, two-way private IP networks and broadband connections to the Internet.

iDirect's broadband IP software and hardware solution is the perfect complement to SES AMERICOM's satellite network," said Orlando Skelton, SES AMERICOM's Vice President, Enterprise Solutions. "With fast implementation time, superior performance and enterprise scalability, iDirect's technology will enable SES AMERICOM to realize the enormous potential of our satellite network, jointly bringing broadband IP services to all areas of the Caribbean and North and Central America."

Jack Waters, iDirect's Vice President, Sales, stated, "SES AMERICOM has an outstanding reputation for technical excellence and dedication to maintaining the highest level of service. The high power and coverage of AMC-6 will enable iDirect to reach more enterprises and applications service providers in the region with its industry-leading broadband IP solutions."

Launched on 22 October 2000, AMC-6 is located at 72 degrees W.L., and is SES AMERICOM's fifth hybrid C-band and Ku-band satellite. The spacecraft features 24 C-band 36 MHz transponders with 20 watt SSPAs, and 28 Ku-band transponders with 110 watt TWTAs, 24 of which offer 36 MHz bandwidth and 4 of which offer 72 MHz bandwidth for international network requirements. AMC-6 serves the enterprise market (government and VSAT), with Broadband Solutions for network completion of Corporate IP/VPNs, standby communication back-up for mission critical locations, and multicasting of corporate education and messaging. The satellite covers CONUS, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central America.

About iDirect

Headquartered in Reston, Virginia, iDirect Inc., designs, develops, and markets satellite-based broadband access solutions targeted at the enterprise, government and educational sectors that have the need for fast, flexible, and geographically dispersed two-way internet/intranet access. iDirect is focused on addressing deficiencies in existing transport offerings in the aforementioned sectors. The company has developed technology solutions that combine high performance, worldwide availability, ease-of-installation, high reliability, and low cost to end customers. In addition to delivering satellite Internet access, iDirect also provides disaster recovery services, and Virtual Private Networks. News

Corporation, epartners and Amp Capital Partners are principal shareholders of iDirect.

About SES AMERICOM

With over twenty-five years' experience, SES AMERICOM, Inc. is recognized as a pioneer and leading provider of global satellite communications services currently providing capacity on 16 spacecraft capable of serving the Americas, Europe, the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean Regions, and Asia. As a member of the SES GLOBAL family, AMERICOM is able to provide end-to-end telecommunications solutions to any region in the world. SES AMERICOM's key customers include ABC Radio Networks, AT&T Alascom, British Telecom, Deutsche Welle, Discovery, Fox, TV Guide/Gemstar, Gannett, Verestar, Merlin, NBC, The New York Times, NHK, PaxNet, PBS, TELE Greenland, TV Europa, TimeWarner/Turner Broadcasting, and Viacom.

In November 2001, SES AMERICOM was combined with SES ASTRA to form a new premier global satellite company, SES GLOBAL, S.A. The new company has a fleet of 29 satellites and can deliver broadband satellite services to more than 90% of the world's population. In addition, SES GLOBAL's strategic partnerships and participations in AsiaSat, NSAB, Star One, AMERICOM Asia-Pacific and Nahuelsat combine to give entertainment, telecommunications, Internet, news and enterprise customers access to a fleet of 42 satellites.

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