



Avanti and Arabsat agree spectrum resolution

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Paris, 10th September 2019 - Avanti and Arabsat have reached an agreement that will allow both companies to operate their respective satellites – Avanti's HYLAS 2 and HYLAS 3 and Arabsat's 6A.

The resolution follows successful inter-operator talks in Cyprus concerning HYLAS 2 and 3, located at 31E, and the Arabsat 6A satellite located at 30.5E – as well as the associated networks in the frequency bands 17.7-20.2 GHz and 27.5-30.0 GHz.

The respective communications authorities in the UK and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Ofcom and the Communications and Information Technology Commission (CITC), have notified the agreement to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), which settles the dispute amicably. This was done on the basis of a range of engineering and spectrum usage solutions.

The two operators can continue to provide vital communications to their customers, free from interference. The news comes at an important time for both businesses as they have recently launched new satellites – Avanti's HYLAS 3 and Arabsat's 6A.

The ITU process played a crucial role in the settlement. Avanti and Arabsat want to express their appreciation for the efforts of their communications authorities (Ofcom and the CITC), the ITU Radio Bureau and the Radio Regulatory Board.

Avanti's CEO Kyle Whitehill said: "Avanti and Arabsat have been working together constructively since the start of the year, under the auspices of the ITU, to find a solution that enables both companies to serve their core markets. The agreement with Arabsat on HYLAS 2 and 3, combined with HYLAS 4 – which was unaffected by these discussions – puts Avanti in an optimal position to continue to serve its existing customers and to expand confidently in the future."

Arabsat's CEO Khalid Balkheyour commented "Our teams' coordination meetings were held in a very professional way that resulted into a productive agreement." "We are looking towards more future business cooperation and partnerships."

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About Avanti

Avanti is a world-leading provider of agile, secure and pioneering satellite technology across Europe, the Middle East and Africa. With over \$1.2bn invested in our Ka-band HYLAS satellite fleet and ultra-secure ground infrastructure, we are enabling businesses, governments and people in more than 118 countries to be more secure, empowered and prosperous. Our network of high-throughput satellites and dual-redundant Gateway Earth Stations enable our team on the ground to go the extra mile, even in the most remote or demanding of situations, delivering high-speed satellite connectivity and coverage to an end-market of 1.7 billion people.

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About ARABSAT

Founded in 1976 by the 21 member-states of the Arab League, ARABSAT has been serving the growing needs of the Arab world for over 35 years. It carries over 450 TV FTA channels, 35HD channels, 4pay TV networks, and 160Radio stations reaching tens of millions of homes in more than 100 countries across the Middle East, Africa, Europe and way beyond around the world including an audience of over



170 million viewers in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region alone tuned into ARABSAT's video "hotspot" at 26° East.

Operating a growing fleet of satellites at the 26°East, 30.5°East, 34.5°East and 20° East positions of the geostationary orbit, ARABSAT is the only satellite operator in the MENA region offering the full spectrum of Broadcast, Telecommunications and Broadband services. This capacity will continue to expand with the launching of new satellites, making the ARABSAT satellite fleet the youngest in the region.

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