



MEASAT **Breaking News**

USD300m AZERSPACE-1 / AFRICASAT-1a SATELLITE SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 February 2013 – MEASAT Satellite Systems Sdn. Bhd. (“MEASAT”) announced today the successful launch of the AZERSPACE-1 / AFRICASAT-1a satellite. The satellite was launched on an Ariane 5 ECA launch vehicle from the European Space Port in Kourou, French Guiana at 5.36am 8th February 2013 local Malaysian time.

The launch was witnessed via live telecast at the All Asia Broadcast Centre, Bukit Jalil by H.E. Mr. Tahir Karimov, the Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Malaysia; YBhg. Datuk Che Azemi bin Haron, Deputy Secretary General (Communications), Ministry of Information, Communications and Culture; and, by industry representatives.

The USD300m AZERSPACE-1 / AFRICASAT-1a satellite was developed as the result of collaboration between MEASAT and Azercosmos Joint Stock Company (“Azercosmos”), a company set up by the Ministry of Communications and Information Technologies of the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The advanced satellite was jointly specified by Azeri and Malaysian engineers to provide high powered satellite communications services across Central Asia, Europe, and Africa. The satellite was built by Orbital Sciences Corporation, based on its flight-proven Star-2 platform.

“We are delighted with the successful launch of this new satellite which is the result of three years of collaboration between Azercosmos and MEASAT,” said YABhg. Tun Dr. Hj. Mohammed Hanif bin Omar, Director of MEASAT Satellite Systems Sdn. Bhd. “We thank the Malaysian Ministry of Information, Communications and Culture; the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission; and, the Republic of Azerbaijan’s Ministry of Communications and Information Technologies for their active support, without which this project would not have happened.”

“The commissioning of the AFRICASAT-1a satellite into commercial operations will expand MEASAT’s coverage into new markets across Africa and the Middle East in support of Malaysian government and business interests,” said Paul Brown-Kenyon, MEASAT’s Chief

Executive Officer. “The launch of the satellite is part of an ongoing programme to expand MEASAT’s satellite fleet which will see the launch of three (3) new satellites worth USD1bn over a three (3) year period.”

Over the next few days, the AZERSPACE-1 / AFRICASAT-1a satellite will be raised from a geo-transfer orbit into a geostationary orbit. The satellite will then undergo testing for approximately one (1) month, prior to being brought into commercial operations at the Malaysian 46.0°E orbital slot.

About MEASAT

MEASAT is a premium supplier of satellite communication services to leading international broadcasters, DTH platforms and telecom operators. With capacity across six (6) satellites, the company provides satellite services to over 150 countries representing 80% of the world’s population across Asia Pacific, Middle East, Africa, Europe and Australia.

The MEASAT fleet includes the state of art MEASAT-3 and MEASAT-3a satellites at 91.5°E which support Asia’s premium DTH (direct-to-home) and video distribution neighbourhood, the MEASAT-2 satellite at 148.0°E and the MEASAT-5 satellite at 119.5°E. The AFRICASAT fleet consists of AFRICASAT-1 and the newly launched AFRICASAT-1a satellites, both at 46.0°E, providing satellite capacity across the African continent with connectivity to Europe, the Middle East and South East Asia. The MEASAT fleet will be further strengthened with the addition of the MEASAT-3b satellite at 91.5°E in Q1 2014 and the MEASAT-3c satellite in H1 2015.

Leveraging facilities at the MEASAT Teleport and Broadcast Centre, and working with a select group of world-class partners, MEASAT also provides a complete range of broadcast and telecommunications solutions. Services include 3D high definition and standard definition video playout, video turnaround, co-location, uplinking, broadband and IP termination services.

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