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**MEASAT- 3 SATELLITE ACHIEVES GEOSYNCHRONOUS ORBIT
-- ON TARGET TO GO INTO FINAL ORBIT IN JANUARY, 2007**

Kuala Lumpur, 23 December 2006: The MEASAT-3 satellite today entered into a geosynchronous orbit (GSO) on its progress towards being declared a fully functional satellite before the end of January after successfully completing a series of apogee motor burns.

Now in GSO orbit, the satellite's reflectors and solar arrays will be deployed from their packed configuration required to enable the satellite to fit in the launcher's fairing during the launch. These carefully choreographed deployments will occur over a two-day period with the aid of explosive bolts.

Once deployed, the satellite's systems will undergo a further series of electrical and mechanical tests lasting about three weeks to ensure that they have survived the flight of the rocket and are functioning to specification.

"Only after all the in-orbit tests have been completed, and the satellite is moved from its testing location at 91.0°E to its operational location of 91.5°E, will MEASAT take ownership of the satellite from Boeing, its manufacturer," said Dr Ali Ebadi, MEASAT's Vice-President, Engineering and Operations.

"Satellites normally undergo extensive post-deployment testing before entering service" Dr Ebadi continued. "So far each stage has been completed as per plan with the satellite expected to be operational in the third or fourth week of January 2007".

About MEASAT

MEASAT is a premium supplier of satellite communication services to Asia's leading broadcasters, DTH operators and telecom providers. The MEASAT satellite fleet comprising MEASAT-1, MEASAT-2 and the newly launched state-of-the-art MEASAT-3 satellite provides services to over 100 countries, representing more than 70% of the world's population. The fleet will be further enhanced at the end of 2007 with the launch of MEASAT-1R.

Leveraging facilities at the MEASAT Teleport and Broadcast Centre, and working with a select group of world-class media partners including Astro, Pacific Century Matrix and STT, MEASAT provides a complete range of broadcast services including video playout, up-linking, and video turnaround to and from the key European and North American markets.

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