

## An anomaly in the Amazonas 4A satellite is being investigated following its launch

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**Madrid, 14 April 2014.-** Following the launch of the Amazonas 4A from the Kourou base in French Guiana on board Arianespace's Ariane 5 ECA launch vehicle and its subsequent positioning in the geostationary orbit, an anomaly has been detected in the satellite's performance related to the power subsystem.

HISPASAT and Orbital, the company responsible for the satellite's construction, are looking into the possible cause of this anomaly and taking corrective action. The satellite is currently secure in its geostationary orbit in the position where in orbit tests will be conducted.

The economic impact on the HISPASAT Group of a fault or delay in the entry-into-service of Amazonas 4A would be negligible because the satellite's insurance policy covers all potential incidents. There would also be no disruption to the services provided to customers because a contingency plan is in place.

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