

The Amazonas 3 satellite arrives at the Kourou launch base

- **The launch of the HISPASAT Group's tenth satellite is forecast for next February**

Madrid, 14th January, 2013.- The HISPASAT Group's Amazonas 3 satellite has been successfully transported, in an Antonov airplane, to the European Space Agency's launch base in Kourou, French Guiana. It was shipped after having passed all tests and having finalized its manufacture process at the facilities of Space Systems/Loral in Palo Alto, California. Now, in Kourou, final tests will be carried out before its launch, planned for the beginning of February.

The Amazonas 3 satellite, the tenth that the HISPASAT Group places in orbit, will be launched by Arianespace, onboard an Ariane 5 ECA rocket. With a launch mass of 6.2 tonnes, the satellite has a 26 meter wingspan and a height of 8 meters. It has 52 simultaneous transponders, 33 in Ku band and 19 in C band, as well as 9 beams in Ka band. The novel Ka band payload makes the HISPASAT Group the first Latin American operator to open doors to the world of interactive services and multimedia applications via satellite.

Operated by HISPAMAR Satellites, the Brazilian affiliate of the HISPASAT Group, the Amazonas 3 satellite offers, from the 61° West orbital position, broadcast of TV platforms, deployment of corporate networks, fixed and mobile telephony, broadband without geographic limitations and comprehensive communications solutions for telecommunications operators, among others.

The HISPASAT Group

The HISPASAT Group is made up of companies with a presence in Spain as well as Latin America, where its Brazilian affiliate, HISPAMAR, operates the Amazonas fleet of satellites. The Group leads in the broadcast and distribution of content in Spanish and Portuguese, including the transmission of important digital Direct-To-Home (DTH) and High Definition Television (HDTV) platforms. HISPASAT is one of the most important companies in the world in its sector by revenue and the main communications bridge between Europe and America.

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