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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**Solaris Mobile welcomes the European Commission selection decision  
for the S-band process**

Solaris Mobile is very pleased to confirm that it has today received confirmation from the European Commission of the assignment of 2 x 15 MHz of S-Band spectrum across Europe. The assignment will entitle the company to use this commercially attractive and unique spectrum across the European Union.

Steve Maine, CEO, Solaris Mobile said: "We are delighted with the spectrum award which marks a critically important milestone for innovative mobile satellite services in Europe. We welcome the European Commission's efficient handling of a very complex procedure, and now look forward to obtaining our national authorisations as soon as possible. The announcement today will act as a catalyst to promote our vision of providing enhanced mobile services in Europe.

Supported by Solaris Mobile, content providers will be able to broadcast crystal clear live TV, deliver linear and on-demand content e.g. location-based services, video or radio channels to mobile phones, vehicles, iPods, portable video players, game consoles and other handsets, on land, at sea and in the air. By introducing this brand new infrastructure and technology for mobile solutions, Solaris Mobile will be a cost-effective, flexible and unrivalled catalyst for reshaping the mobile landscape all over Europe.

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

Solaris Mobile also announced earlier today that in the course of carrying out tests on its S-band satellite capacity which was launched last month, an anomaly has been detected in its performance. Additional analysis is consequently planned with the satellite's prime contractor, Thales Alenia Space, in order to identify the cause of the anomaly and fully to assess the extent of the S-band payload's capability to provide mobile satellite services to the European marketplace. Nevertheless, the company remains confident of its ability to meet the commitments made under the European Commission selection process.

Solaris Mobile, a Dublin based company and a joint venture between Eutelsat and SES Astra was established to develop next generation mobile TV services via satellite. The company plans to provide TV, video and radio plus two-way communication to a variety of handheld and vehicle-mounted mobile devices. Solaris Mobile's range of services is aimed primarily at Broadcasters, Telco operators, the Automotive industry, and Data & Communication providers.

The company intends to operate in the 2.00 GHz frequency band, the S-band, reserved for the exclusive use of hybrid satellite and terrestrial mobile services. The S-band sits alongside UMTS frequencies that are already used across Europe for 3G terrestrial services.

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