

## **Thales Alenia Space España contributed to 15 out of 44 satellites launched in 2007**

*Supply of a total of 88 communications equipment last year*

**Madrid, January 31, 2008** - Thales Alenia Space España, the Spanish subsidiary of Thales Alenia Space, supplied Active and Passive Radiofrequency communication, digital electronic and data handling equipment for the main satellite programs: Skynet 5A and 5B, Galaxy 17, the 8 Globalstar 1st generation satellites, SAR-Lupe 2 & 3 and ChinaSat-6B, among others.

Angel Post, CEO of Thales Alenia Space España, said: "We are very pleased that Thales Alenia Space España succeeded in providing equipment for the major satellite programs in the world, in both commercial and military segments. This results from a strong R&D involvement combined with the full support of Thales Alenia Space."

Thales Alenia Space España has an industrial site in Tres Cantos, Madrid, devoted to the development, manufacture, integration and testing of subsystems and communications equipment for the TTC signal, Passive Radiofrequency and on-board Regenerative Data Processing signal.

Since its first contribution in 1988 to the French military communications satellite Helios II and up to date, the company has provided over 2000 satellite's equipment embarked onboard 95 satellites, both for civilian and military uses with application in telecommunications and navigation, radar and optical observation, space science and space infrastructure. Some of the equipment embarked are dedicated to the spacecraft control and data communication from Earth stations, other perform the processing of the information received from the on-board scientific instruments.

The Spanish subsidiary is a Thales Alenia Space's centre of excellence for the development and supply of advanced S-Band communications subsystems and repeaters and for medium resolution optical payloads.

### **About Thales Alenia Space**

European leader in satellite systems and at the forefront of orbital infrastructures, Thales Alenia Space is a joint venture between Thales (67%) and Finmeccanica (33%). Together with Telespazio, Thales Alenia Space forms the "Space Alliance" between the two groups. The company is a worldwide reference in telecoms, radar and optical Earth observation, defense and security, navigation and science. With 7200 employees and 11 industrial sites, Thales Alenia Space is located in France, Italy, Spain and Belgium. [www.thalesaleniaspace.com](http://www.thalesaleniaspace.com)

### **About Thales Alenia Space España**

Is a Spanish subsidiary company of Thales Alenia Space, is a European leader in S-Band TTC, Passive RF and Digital Processing equipment and subsystems, with participation in more than 95 satellite programs with application in Telecommunication, Earth observation, Science, Navigation and Space infrastructures.

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