



## **NEWS RELEASE**

# **ManSat Group plays key role in enabling Telesat's new Telstar 18 VANTAGE Satellite to bring improved Broadband performance to Asia-Pac customers**

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Telesat, a leading global satellite operator and longstanding partner of ManSat, recently announced that its new Telstar 18 VANTAGE high throughput satellite (HTS) has entered commercial service at its 138 degrees East orbital location.

Telesat's newest satellite offers customers across the Asia Pacific region advanced capabilities for deploying high performing broadband networks. An important part of these capabilities results from the growing relationship Telesat has with Manx company ManSat.

Telesat IOM Limited and ManSat's cooperation dates back to 2001 when Telesat was ManSat's first customer. This latest project, the fourth between the companies, enables Telesat to utilise Ka-band gateways on Telstar 18 VANTAGE which support the satellite's Ku-band HTS spots covering Indonesia and Malaysia.

Telstar 18 VANTAGE is the latest in a new generation of Telesat satellites with capacity optimized to serve the types of bandwidth intensive applications increasingly in demand by users worldwide. It replaces and expands on Telesat's Telstar 18 satellite through extensive C-band capacity over Asia, Ku-band HTS spot beams, and five additional regional Ku-band beams.

'Providing spectrum to satellites such as Telstar 18 VANTAGE is the very essence of why we created ManSat,' said Chris Stott, CEO and Chairman of ManSat. 'It is tremendous to see this state-of-the art satellite begin commercial service over the Asia Pacific region, and we are honoured to have once again supported our longstanding customer, Telesat.'

'Telstar 18 VANTAGE is a state-of-the-art spacecraft that combines regional beams and high throughput spot beams to deliver superior performance and value to our growing base of Asian customers,' said Michael Schwartz, Telesat's Senior Vice President, Corporate & Business Development. 'Telesat decided early on that including Ka-band gateways on

Telstar 18 VANTAGE would significantly enhance its HTS broadband performance, so we contacted ManSat and they quickly provided an approach to secure needed Ka-band spectrum at 138 degrees East. We would like to thank ManSat for their skill and contributions that enabled Telesat to optimize HTS broadband services on Telstar 18 VANTAGE.'

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## **NOTES FOR EDITORS**

### **ManSat Limited**

ManSat carries out satellite filings for the Isle of Man under a contract with the Isle of Man Government's Communications Commission. Isle of Man's satellite filings are made to the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) in Geneva via the administration of the United Kingdom (Ofcom).

Established in May 1998, ManSat Limited is a Manx registered and Manx owned private limited company headquartered in Douglas in the Isle of Man, with offices and representation in the United Kingdom and the United States.

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