



## **NEWS RELEASE – MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**

### **IceSat begins ITU satellite filing on behalf of Iceland's Post and Telecom Administration**

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Iceland is taking its first steps in space. For the first time, Iceland is accepting ITU satellite filings. Iceland's Post and Telecom Administration (PTA) and IceSat ehf have entered into a contract to carry out satellite filing to the International Telecommunications Union (ITU). Specifically formed to work with the PTA, IceSat is an integral part of Isle of Man-based ManSat Group, the commercial market leader in provision of spectrum to the satellite industry.

Christopher Stott, Chairman and CEO of ManSat and IceSat, said: "This is a significant step forward for Iceland and for the satellite industry as a whole: a superb new jurisdiction, complimentary to the Isle of Man in so many ways, now leading the world with cutting edge, transparent, and efficient regulations for satellite filing in strict adherence to the ITU Radio Regulations.

"The PTA undertook extensive research over a two-year period, examining regulatory processes and satellite filing procedures of the industry's leading nations and we are honored to have been chosen as its partner."

Christopher added: "Since ManSat was established in 1998, we have dedicated ourselves to applying best practice in all our dealings within the satellite industry and our new Icelandic regulatory regime will continue that ethos. Iceland brings many advantages to a global business from its strong economy, rule of law, NATO membership, access to the European Economic Community, and more. It's a hugely exciting time for the ManSat Group and we look forward to a long and successful partnership with the PTA."

Hrafnkell V. Gislason, Director of the PTA said: The PTA looks forward to welcoming satellite operators to Iceland, as we consider it important for Iceland to establish a good relationship with the rapidly growing space industry. Satellite services are becoming more and more important for the international community and can play an important role in providing high capacity connections in the Arctic region. We are confident that we can provide service of high quality with the strong support of the experts of Icesat who have extensive expertise and experience in the field of satellite filing.

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## **Notes for Editors**

### **About the PTA**

The Post and Telecom Administration (PTA) is responsible for the administration of electronic communications and postal affairs in Iceland. The PTA is the officially designated member of the ITU on behalf of the Icelandic government.

The Administration is an independent body under the ultimate administration of the Ministry of Transport and Local Government. Responsibility for the daily activities of the Administration lies with the Director who is appointed by the Minister. The Administration advises the Minister on matters relating to electronic communications and postal matters.

The PTA operates according to the Electronic Communications passed by the Icelandic Parliament in 2003 and the Act of the Post and Telecom Administration No. 69/2003.

### **About ManSat & IceSat**

IceSat is a subsidiary company of the ManSat Group specifically formed to work with the Post & Telecom Administration (PTA) to carry out satellite filings for Iceland under a contract with the Icelandic Government's PTA.

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 London, Cape Canaveral and St Petersburg, Florida.

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