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### **Intelsat Confirms IA-9 Launch to Increase North American Ku-Band Capacity**

Pembroke, Bermuda, 05 May 2006 – Intelsat today confirmed that it has decided to launch its Intelsat Americas™-9 (IA-9) satellite in the fourth quarter of 2007. The decision will allow Intelsat to serve customer demand for high-powered Ku-band capacity for data networking, video and other applications.

IA-9 will be placed at the 97 degrees West Longitude orbital position, which is now occupied by IA-5. The IA-9 satellite will serve the existing and growth requirements of key customers from that orbital location. Following the launch of IA-9, the IA-5 satellite is planned to be redeployed to a currently unserved location at 77 degrees WL, giving Intelsat the opportunity to develop a new role in the broadcast arc.

Adding to Intelsat's current global fleet of 27 owned and operated satellites, the IA-9 satellite will sustain Intelsat's position as one of the leading carriers of international programming in North America, as well as providing space segment for media, enterprise and government customers.

At 97 degrees WL, the Space Systems/Loral (SS/L) built IA-9 will provide coverage over the Continental U.S., Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Mexico, the Caribbean and parts of Canada. The spacecraft will offer 28 Ku-band and 24 C-band transponders.

Intelsat CEO, David McGlade, said, "This is a win for Intelsat customers because it will bring new, powerful capacity to market and give them new avenues for growth. At the same time, it is a win for Intelsat, as it allows us to build backlog at one of our most successful orbital locations while developing a currently unoccupied orbital role to open up new revenue streams. In terms of capital expenditures, we're just accelerating the launch capex by a few years."

Intelsat has signed a firm launch contract with Sea Launch to launch the IA-9 spacecraft by the fourth quarter of 2007. This mission will be Sea Launch's second with Intelsat; the IA-8 mission was successfully completed in June 2005.

### **About Intelsat**

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