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Skylogic and UDcast to Provide Advanced VPN Solution for Satellite Networks

*UDcast will present in Satexpo 2004 - Vicenza Italy (Pad: F Stand: B2-B6, C1-C5), September 30 – October 2, a **Skylogic-approved VPN solution**, based on the UDgateway-VPN appliance.*

Skylogic Italia, a subsidiary of Eutelsat, which provides satellite-based IP broadband services, and UDcast, provider of IP solutions over broadcast media, announced that UDcast's VPN appliance – UDgateway-VPN has been approved to deliver IP VPN functionality over its multimedia platform.

The UDgateway-VPN enables high-performance site-to-site IPsec-based VPN for enterprise networks, based on satellite connections, possibly integrated with terrestrial communications. The enhanced UDgateway-VPN allows companies and organizations with multiple remote offices and sites using satellite connections to build a secured network, and benefit from the same performances and functionality as sites with terrestrial broadband. In addition to the UDgateway-VPN's ability to accelerate and crypt traffic, the appliance integrates satellite-aware compression technology enabling the optimization of the satellite connection with bandwidth savings.

With the enhanced UDcast UDgateway-VPN, Skylogic can offer additional services to organizations in the corporate market, which require increased functionalities and security common to enterprise IP applications.

"The ability for sites to communicate securely between themselves, as well as use common enterprise applications, such as collaborative work tools, is a must. This is easily implemented using terrestrial IP networks. This same functionality can now be improved for satellite connections by implementing the UDgateway-VPN solution" said Hubert Zimmermann, CEO, UDcast.

"Offering the UDgateway-VPN with our multimedia platform brings additional solutions for our customers to build complete & secured solutions throughout our satellite network" said Robert Feierbach, Executive Director, Skylogic.

UDcast is committed to enabling satellite broadband to support the same IP applications as terrestrial broadband services, which is essential for satellite to play a leading role in bridging the digital divide.

About Skylogic Italia

Turin-based Skylogic Italia, a wholly owned subsidiary of Eutelsat, operates one of Europe's leading satellite broadband IP platforms. Opened in 2002, Skylogic Italia's Turin operational centre is equipped to offer a complete range of broadband services, from multicasting audio, video and data, broadband Internet access (as two-way satellite services, or in hybrid mode with requests sent through dial-up modem), and for interconnecting local, regional or worldwide remote sites with secure virtual private networks. Skylogic offers off-the-shelf broadband services for resellers, tailored solutions for wholesalers and integrators for the enterprise markets, and turnkey project management for worldwide projects.

For more information visit www.skylogic.com

About UDcast

UDcast is a leading provider of IP over broadcast media, focusing on satellite aware enterprise networking solutions as well as IPTV to the mobile DVB-H solutions. UDcast provides satellite aware IP appliances that bring terrestrial like performances and security to broadband satellite links. UDcast's feature rich solutions enable satellite service providers to deliver revenue-generating value added services that meet enterprise needs.

Founded in 2000, UDcast maintains its global headquarters in Sophia-Antipolis, France.

For more information visit www.udcast.com

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