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Saab Ericsson Space delivers frequency converters for mobile satellite system Thuraya on record time

Saab Ericsson Space has delivered payload equipment for Thuraya D3 to Boeing Satellite Systems in the USA. The Thuraya satellite system is operated by Thuraya Satellite Telecommunications Company of UAE. The system is the first successful direct-to-mobile satellite communication system.

"Our deliveries to D3 have been made on record time thanks to our very dedicated project team. The customer is very pleased with our performance", Says Göran Forslund, the Saab Ericsson Space project manager.

The Thuraya mobile satellite system gives users access to wireless voice and data links in a very large service area comprising Europe, North and Central America, the Middle East and Central and South Asia. Coverage is equally given at sea in these areas. The handsets that are somewhat larger than normal cellphones, include functions to use the terrestrial GSM network when available and includes a GPS receiver for positioning.

The satellites as well as the entire system is built by Boeing Satellite Systems in El Segundo, California. The satellites include a very large antenna (12,25 meters diameter) that can be used to adapt satellite capacity to local traffic variations. Saab Ericsson Space has supplied C-band Frequency Converters to the satellite payloads of three different types.

Saab Ericsson Space is an international, independent supplier of space equipment. The company's main products are computers, microwave electronics and antennas, control and separation systems, and thermal insulation material for use onboard satellites and launch vehicles. The company has its headquarters in Gothenburg, Sweden, a division located in Linköping, Sweden, and subsidiaries in Austria (Austrian Aerospace) and the USA (Saab Ericsson Space Inc). Saab Ericsson Space has approximately 600 employees, 420 of whom in Gothenburg.

The company is jointly owned by Saab and Ericsson.

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