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Saab Ericsson Space selected by Astrium to provide microwave equipment for new Intelsat satellites

Saab Ericsson Space is to supply extensive microwave electronics for the new Intelsat satellites, Intelsat-X, through subcontract with Astrium of Toulouse. The spacecraft are being built to provide telecommunications services over the Atlantic and will be located in the West Atlantic Ocean Region. They are the largest and most powerful satellites ever procured by Intelsat.

The contract with Astrium includes the responsibility of the development and construction of the satellites' receivers for the C and Ku bands and the order requires a total of 45 receivers to be delivered in 2001.

Saab Ericsson Space is a well-experienced designer and manufacturer of microwave electronics for communications satellites and over the years more than 60 satellites have been provided with equipment from the company.

Saab Ericsson Space has a long relationship with Astrium and earlier contracts include onboard computers for the Ariane and SPOT programmes as well as numerous space equipment for ESA related programmes.

The Intelsat-X satellites, with a launch mass of 5 000 kg, are dedicated to cover the North, Central, and South American continent, Western Europe and Latin America. The satellites will be operational from summer 2002 and the orbital lifetime is to be 13 years.

Saab Ericsson Space is an independent supplier of space equipment. The company develops and manufactures computers, antenna systems, microwave electronics and guidance and separation systems for launch vehicles, satellites and other spacecraft.

The headquarters is located in Göteborg, Sweden, and there are subsidiaries in Austria and the USA. Saab Ericsson Space employs 650 people.

Saab and Ericsson jointly own Saab Ericsson Space.



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