

## Press release

## SES DONATES VSAT ANTENNA TO FRIENDSHIP NGO TO DELIVER CONNECTIVITY IN RURAL BANGLADESH

The donated antenna installed on the Emirates floating hospital ship, which is one of the three ships that are recipients of the satellite-based e-health platform and are connecting doctors in Bangladesh



LUXEMBOURG, 12 April 2016 – SES S.A. (NYSE Euronext Paris and Luxembourg Stock Exchange: SESG), announced today the signature of a VSAT antenna donation agreement with FRIENDSHIP Luxembourg NGO donated by SES Techcom Services, a wholly-owned subsidiary of SES.

SES Techcom Services recently partnered with FRIENDSHIP in Bangladesh to install its state-of-the-art maritime VSAT antennas and to deploy SATMED, the satellite-based e-health platform, on three FRIENDSHIP hospital ships: 'Lifebuoy Friendship Hospital', 'Emirates Friendship Hospital' and 'Rongdhonu Friendship Hospital' (formerly the Rainbow Warrior II).

The antenna installed on the Emirates Friendship Hospital¹ is a donation to FRIENDSHIP by SES. The newly-deployed e-health platform will enable healthcare workers on FRIENDSHIP floating hospitals to connect to doctors and gain access to medical knowledge from around the world, provide medical counselling to marginalised communities through telemedicine, provide e–learning services and efficiently manage communications across their teams.

"Our SATMED deployment in Bangladesh is particularly notable, because the population is living in an extremely remote and inaccessible area," said Gerhard Bethscheider, Managing Director of SES Techcom Services. "These communities are completely isolated from any kind of connectivity and we have attempted to change this by partnering with FRIENDSHIP to deploy SATMED on their hospital ships using maritime VSATs. After implementing SATMED platform tools and services, the ship hospitals – via satellite connectivity – will be able to support and



facilitate work in the areas of e-care, e-learning, e-surveillance, e-health management, and digital imaging."

"This partnership is a great illustration of how satellite technology can benefit humanitarian initiatives," said Marc Elvinger, Chairman of FRIENDSHIP Luxembourg. "With FRIENDSHIP's innovative healthcare model and the SATMED connectivity, patients can now be remotely diagnosed by experts thousands of miles away, and doctors and nurses can improve their knowledge through online courses or life sessions. Lives can be saved and changed through easy access to necessary information available anywhere via the internet."

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## About FRIENDSHIP

Friendship operates in Bangladesh since 2001, under the direction of its Founder and Executive Director, Runa Khan.



The organisation provides support to the most marginalised communities living in the remote riverine areas of Bangladesh. Its holistic programmes cover Health, Education, Good Governance, Sustainable Economic Development, Disaster Preparedness, Emergency Relief and Disaster Preparedness as well as Cultural Preservation. Friendship's action is based on five fundamental values: Dignity, Hope, Justice, Integrity and Quality. The Luxembourg based entity of Friendship, the first to have been incorporated outside Bangladesh, was set up in 2006.

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