

DISH Network Adds Second German-Language Channel to International Programming Line-up

ENGLEWOOD, Colo.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Feb. 22, 2005--EchoStar Communications Corporation (Nasdaq: DISH) announced today that its DISH Network(TM) satellite television service has added to its international channel line-up ProSiebenSat.1 Welt, a German-language channel that features the best programming from four leading channels in Germany. This addition underscores DISH Network's efforts to offer the most comprehensive international programming. DISH Network has more than 100 channels of international programming available in more than 25 languages, including Russian, German, French, Portuguese, Arabic, Mandarin and Japanese.

"No other pay-TV company can match DISH Network's international programming options, and the launch of ProSiebenSat.1 Welt reinforces DISH Network's leadership position within the industry," said Tracy Thompson, EchoStar's vice president of International Programming. "ProSiebenSat.1 Welt offers programming from some of the most popular channels in Germany, offering a full range of TV programs including entertainment, sports and leading television personalities."

ProSiebenSat.1 Welt brings the best programs of Sat. 1, ProSieben, Kabel 1 and N24 direct from Munich. The combination of these four channels offers an assortment of programs, including TV movies, comedies, sports and news. Some of the most popular series available on ProSiebenSat.1 Welt include "Der Bulle von Tölz," featuring a larger-than-life, crime fighting cop, Bruno Berghammer, and the popular "Edel & Starck" show. Also, Stefan Raab hosts "TV total," which is part talk-show, part comedy.

ProSiebenSat.1 Welt covers all "TV Total" special events such as horse-jumping and high-diving championships. The channel also offers live coverage of two Bundesliga (First German League) soccer games every week.

Customers can add ProSiebenSat.1 Welt on an "a la carte" basis for \$14.99 per month. Customers can also purchase DISH Network's "German-language Package," which includes ProSiebenSat.1 Welt and GERMAN TV for \$19.99 per month.

For more information on subscribing to ProSiebenSat.1 Welt, customers can contact 1-800-333-DISH, their local retailer or visit www.dishnetwork.com to learn more about DISH Network's international programming.

About EchoStar

EchoStar Communications Corporation (Nasdaq: DISH) serves more than 11 million satellite TV customers through its DISH Network(TM), the fastest growing U.S. provider of advanced digital television services in the last four years. DISH Network offers hundreds of video and audio channels, Interactive TV, HDTV, sports and international programming, together with professional installation and 24-hour customer service. J.D. Power and Associates ranks DISH Network No. 1 in Customer Satisfaction among Cable/Satellite TV Subscribers. Visit EchoStar's DISH Network at www.dishnetwork.com or call 1-800-333-DISH (3474).

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