

Housing

## Hispasat chooses Telvent for Terrestrial Node of Telecommunications

Madrid, December 09, 2003 - Abengoa, through Telvent, its Information Technology subsidiary, and a leader in neutral housing services on the Iberian Peninsula, with over 150 customers, has been chosen by Hispasat to use its emblematic building, Madrid 2, as a terrestrial communications hub for information traffic. This agreement will provide Hispasat with the fastest and most efficient connection to the Internet within Spain, leveraging the technology infrastructure that is already in place for the 46 telecommunications carriers and 100 other companies that already reside in this Telvent building.

Under this agreement, Hispasat will now be able to provide excellent quality Internet access to all of Spain. Benefiting the most, will be the rural zones, in which large companies in the construction and electrical sectors have typically needed to make significant technology investments in order to gain relatively low quality access to centralized information systems. Additionally, this service opens new possibilities to the educational system by enabling schools and local centers to access the Internet.

According to Manuel Sánchez, Telvent's Executive Officer, "The award of the Hispasat contract is due in large part to our existing relationship with our principal customers, the telecommunications operators who already reside in Telvent premises, and also because of the fact that Telvent provides the infrastructure for the principal Internet node in Spain. This allows Telvent to provide cost-effective connectivity agreements to our client base. In addition to exceptional office management services, our customers are able access the highest quality of technology platform management as provided by our Telvent centers. Because of these advantages, companies such as Hispasat are able to provide neutral and secure communication solutions to their customers."

### About Hispasat

Hispasat allows the access to Internet with speeds of 2 Mbit/seg. and Superiors, with a capacity of receipt and transmission from the final user, by means of the standard DVB-RCS. The high power and lighting of the system Hispasat, with four satellites in orbit and a whole of 54 transpondedores operative, allows to give coverage in unsurpassable conditions of quality of transmission and receipt in the whole Iberian peninsula and insular territory (included the Canary Isles, Balearics and Azores) and cities of Ceuta and Melilla.

From its creation in 1989, Hispasat, the Spanish operator of reference in the telecommunications for satellite, manages the orbital position of 30 ° West on the Atlantic Ocean which, recently, the orbital Brazilian position has joined 61 ° West. The society operates on four satellites of communications that constitute the suitable support for communications between both sides of the Atlantic Ocean, offering capacity so much to operators of telecommunications, radio companies, public organisms and private companies. The fleet of satellites of Hispasat communications constitutes nowadays the suitable and innovative solution to facilitate the access to Internet to high speed and to the new applications multimedia in those places where the lack of terrestrial infrastructures of telecommunications it they prevent.

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### **About Telvent**

Telvent, Abengoa's Information Technology subsidiary, specializes in IT solutions with high technological added value for specific industrial sectors such as Energy, Environment, Traffic, Transport, Telecom and Public Administration. Telvent is a leading supplier to these industries in Spain, North America, Latin America and Asia.

With over 40 years experience in industrial supervisory control and business process management systems, Telvent executes projects and provides technical services in the field of mission-critical, realtime control and information management. With the most comprehensive portfolio of outsourcing and consulting services, and employing a technology-neutral philosophy, Telvent manages IT and telecommunications infrastructure for an extensive international client base. ([www.telvent.com](http://www.telvent.com))

### **About Abengoa**

Abengoa, an industrial and technology company with worldwide operations, provides solutions for Sustainable Development, the Information and Knowledge Society and the Creation of Infrastructures. The company is capitalized at over 500 million Euros (31/12/2002) and is listed on the Madrid Stock Exchange. Abengoa operates in four primary areas: Bioenergy, where it is the second largest worldwide producer of bioethanol; Environmental Services, where it is a European leader in various industrial waste market segments; Information Technology, where it has achieved global recognition and has operations in Europe, North America and Asia; and Industrial Engineering and Construction, where it is a leader in Spain and Latin America. ([www.abengoa.com](http://www.abengoa.com))

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