



## PRESS RELEASE

### **Inaugural Ceremony for Avanti's Earth Station facilities hosted by Cyta in Cyprus, for accessing the HYLAS 2 Satellite**

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Cyta and Avanti are pleased to announce that the inauguration ceremony of Avanti's Gateway Earth Station facilities at Cyta's Makarios Teleport took place on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May 2013 under the auspices of the honorable Minister of Communication and Works of the Republic of Cyprus, Mr Tasos Mitsopoulos.

The Gateway has been providing highly resilient and reliable access to customers using the HYLAS 2 satellite since November 2012. HYLAS 2 is a latest generation spacecraft that operates in Ka band frequencies and offers broadband access across large parts of the globe in Africa, the Middle East and Europe. It provides advanced services in key high growth markets, enabling customers in underserved areas to enjoy modern communication services and high-speed internet connections.

The Minister of Communication and Works, Mr Mitsopoulos, thanked Avanti for choosing Cyprus and the facilities of Cyta for their satellite ground station. The Minister also commented: "In these difficult times for our country, it is very encouraging to see an established company such as Avanti invest in our country and we hope that many others will follow their example. Avanti is a well-known satellite company which owns and operates a fleet of telecommunications satellites and their presence here in Cyprus is a major step forward in our efforts to reinforce our position as an established regional satellite centre"

Cyta's Chairman, Mr Stathis Kittis commented: "The operation of Avanti's Gateways in Cyprus for access to HYLAS 2 satellite and its customers is an important strategic project for Cyta that combines extensive teleport resources with major international fiber connectivity. It is a key step in our efforts to promote Cyprus as a major telecommunications hub in the Eastern Mediterranean region and promote our services in the international marketplace."

Richard Vos, Member of Avanti's Group Board of Directors commented: "From Cyta's Makarios Earth Station, Avanti will continue to deliver the highest quality communications services to our customers operating across the Middle East, Afghanistan, Iraq and Libya. Cyprus offers the ideal economic, cultural and geographic profile to meet the demands of

companies wishing to deliver communications services to turbulent and rapidly changing regions of the World”.

**About Avanti:**

Avanti sells satellite data communications services to telecoms companies which use them to supply residential, enterprise and institutional users. Avanti’s first satellite, called HYLAS 1, launched on November 26th 2010 and was the first Ka-band satellite launched in Europe. Avanti’s second satellite, HYLAS 2, launched on August 2, 2012, and extends Avanti’s coverage to Africa and the Middle East. Avanti’s third satellite HYLAS 3, to be launched in partnership with ESA in 2015, will provide further capacity in the EMEA region. 84% of Avanti’s fleet capacity will address the emerging telecommunications markets of Africa and the Middle East.

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**About Cyta:**

Cyprus Telecommunications Authority (Cyta) is the primary telecommunications provider in Cyprus. Its product portfolio covers the whole spectrum of electronic communications services, ranging from fixed and mobile telephony to internet services and broadband applications. Cyta operates a modern telecommunications network and has an impressive submarine cable and teleport infrastructure. The company couples a strategically situated telecommunications gateway in Cyprus with POPs in major telecommunications centers in Europe. Cyta, through its strategic business unit Cytaglobal, is particularly active in the international market and provides services to business customers around the world.

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