



PRESS RELEASE

HYLAS 2 Gateway at Cyta's Teleport becomes Operational

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Following the successful launch of HYLAS 2 satellite in August, Avanti and Cyta are pleased to announce that the HYLAS 2 Gateway at Makarios Teleport in Cyprus has become operational. The facility supports the satellite control and traffic requirements of HYLAS 2 that operates in Ka band and provides broadband services in Europe, Africa, the Caucasus and the Middle East. The Gateway combines state of the art hosting facilities with diverse international fibre connectivity.

David Bestwick, Technical Director of Avanti commented: « We are delighted that this critical element of our network is fully operational. HYLAS 2 will play an important role in the development of broadband connectivity in the Middle East and the Cyta gateway will also support our enterprise and government data services clients across the region. »

«The operation of the HYLAS 2 Gateway in Cyprus is a key milestone for Cyta's satellite services. It uses extensive resources and brings cutting edge technology to Makarios Teleport. More importantly, because of the wide bandwidth capabilities of HYLAS 2 in Ka band, the Gateway also requires international fiber connectivity at a large scale. The HYLAS 2 Gateway is a major step in Cyta's efforts to strengthen its telecommunications node in the Eastern Mediterranean», says Yiannis Koulias, Cyta's Director National and International Wholesale Market.

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.

Find out more about Cyta and Cytaglobal at: www.cytaglobal.com.

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