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On behalf of: Avanti Communications Group plc ("Avanti" or "the Company")
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Avanti Communications Group plc

▪ Secures satellite launch services

Avanti Communications Group plc (AIM: AVN), the satellite operator is pleased to announce it has signed a contract to purchase launch services for the launch of its first satellite, HYLAS, on schedule and within budget from Space Exploration Technologies Corporation, USA ("SpaceX").

A launch window enabling the satellite to be launched between March and December 2009 has been booked. The satellite will be launched from the SpaceX launch facility on the US Air Force Range at Cape Canaveral, Florida. Avanti has also secured options for further launches.

Avanti's Chief Executive, David Williams, said:

"I am pleased to report the completion of another significant project milestone. The SpaceX Falcon 9 launch vehicles that we will use are also planned for use to transport US astronauts to the International Space Station, so for us to secure a service of this quality within the budget is pleasing. SpaceX share our vision of changing the speed and economics of space services so we look forward to working together."

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Notes to Editors:

About Avanti Communications

- Avanti Communications Group's shares were admitted to AIM on 16 April 2007;
- Avanti Communications Group is the only licensed fixed satellite operator headquartered in the UK (and one of only eight such groups operating in Europe);
- Avanti has the right to provide satellite services using licensed radio frequency spectrum which provides coverage of Europe, India, The Middle East, Central Asia, Africa and Latin America.
- Avanti's first satellite, called HYLAS is under construction and due for launch in 2009; the company plans further satellite projects.
- Avanti, which has over 10 years' experience in the satellite industry, currently provides satellite data communications services to customers in Europe using leased satellite capacity which it will transfer to HYLAS on launch;
- Its customers include broadband service providers, businesses of all sizes, the British and foreign governments, the European Union and the European Space Agency;
- The core applications for which Avanti expects HYLAS capacity to be used are broadband, corporate data networks, video distribution and military/security.

- Avanti recently signed a debt facility agreement to borrow £32m. The debt facility provides sufficient capital for Avanti to complete the financing of its satellite construction, launch, insurance and operation together with working capital. No further funding is expected to be required for the HYLAS project;

About Space Exploration Corporation Inc (“SpaceX”)

SpaceX is developing a family of launch vehicles intended to reduce the cost and increase the reliability of both manned and unmanned space transportation ultimately by a factor of ten. With its Falcon line of launch vehicles, SpaceX is able to offer light, medium and heavy lift capabilities, as well as deliver spacecraft into any inclination and altitude, from low Earth orbit to geosynchronous orbit to planetary missions. The Dragon spaceship is designed to transport up to seven astronauts, as well as both pressurized and unpressurized cargo to Earth orbit and back.

