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## **ABS US CORP JOINS THE SATELLITE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION**

**Washington, D.C., April 29, 2015** - The Satellite Industry Association (SIA) today announced that ABS US Corp, has become SIA's newest member. ABS US Corp is a division of ABS, a growing global satellite operator which operates a fleet of satellites including the recently launched ABS-3A at 3°W. SIA is a full-service trade association that represents commercial satellite companies as the unified voice of the U.S. satellite industry on policy, regulatory, and legislative issues affecting the satellite business.

“SIA is very pleased to welcome ABS US Corp as our latest member,” said Tom Stroup, SIA's President. “With the recent launch of its newest satellite, the Company is rapidly growing with plans to serve new markets in the Americas and the western hemisphere. Their addition further augments SIA's membership of innovative satellite operators, while enhancing the Association's representation of the broader U.S. satellite industry.”

“We are excited to be a member of SIA and participate in its continuous efforts in supporting and advancing the satellite industry”, said Dolores Martos, Managing Director of the Americas. “We look forward to contributing with the Association on a wide variety of issues to enhance the economic competitiveness of this community.”

### **About ABS**

ABS is one of the fastest growing global satellite operators in the world. ABS offers a complete range of tailored solutions including broadcasting, data and telecommunication services to broadcasters, service providers, enterprises and government organizations.

ABS operates a fleet of satellites; ABS-2, ABS-3, ABS-4/Mobisat-1, ABS-6, ABS-7 and the recently launched ABS-3A. The satellite fleet covers 80% of the world's population across the Americas, Africa, Asia Pacific, Europe, the Middle East, CIS and Russia.

ABS-2A, the second of the pair of 702SP satellites procured from Boeing, is planned to launch in late 2015. ABS plans to add more satellites over the next 2-3 years to its growing fleet.

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Headquartered in Bermuda, ABS has offices in the United States, Dubai, South Africa, Germany, Philippines, Indonesia and Hong Kong. ABS is majority owned by funds managed by the European Private Equity firm Permira. The Permira funds acquired ABS in 2010. For more information, visit [www.absatellite.com](http://www.absatellite.com)

### **About The Satellite Industry Association**

SIA is a U.S.-based trade association providing worldwide representation of the leading satellite operators, service providers, manufacturers, launch services providers, and ground equipment suppliers. Since its creation almost twenty years ago, SIA has advocated for the unified voice of the U.S. satellite industry on policy, regulatory, and legislative issues affecting the satellite business. For more information, visit [www.sia.org](http://www.sia.org).

SIA Executive Members include: The Boeing Company; The DIRECTV Group; EchoStar Corporation; Harris CapRock Communications; Intelsat S.A.; Iridium Communications Inc.; Kratos Defense & Security Solutions; LightSquared; Lockheed Martin Corporation; Northrop Grumman Corporation; SES Americom, Inc.; SSL, and ViaSat, Inc. SIA Associate Members include: ABS US Corp; Airbus DS SatCom Government, Inc.; Artel, LLC; Cisco; Comtech EF Data Corp.; DRS Technologies, Inc.; Eutelsat America Corp.; Glowlink Communications Technology, Inc.; iDirect Government Technologies; Inmarsat, Inc.; Kymeta Corporation; Marshall Communications Corporation.; MTN Government; O3b Limited; Orbital ATK; Panasonic Avionics Corporation; Row 44, Inc.; TeleCommunication Systems, Inc.; Telesat Canada; TrustComm, Inc.; Ultisat, Inc.; Vencore Inc., and XTAR, LLC.