

Ariane rocket puts telecom satellites into orbit

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A picture taken on August 2010, at the Arianespace launch site in Kourou, French Guiana, shows the launch of an Ariane 5 rocket. An Ariane 5 rocket on Friday successfully placed two communications satellites into geostationary orbit, in the fifth such placement this year by Arianespace, the company said.

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The [rocket](#) was carrying an Intelstat 17 satellite for Intelstat and a Hylas 1 [satellite](#) for Britain's Avanti Communications.

Weighing 7.5 tonnes, the Hylas 1 will supply Internet broadband in Europe capable of reaching isolated rural areas "from Ireland to Poland" as well as high definition television, said chief executive David

Williams.

The Intelstat 17, weighing 5.5 tonnes, will provide telecommunications services in Europe, the Middle East, Russia and Asia.

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