

Press release

SES Networks First to Achieve MEF CE 2.0 Services Certification Over Satellite

MEF-certified Ethernet services from SES Networks provide customers with standardised service options that are easily and seamlessly integrated into current operations.

Luxembourg, 7 November 2017 -- SES Networks has achieved the rigorous Metro Ethernet Forum (MEF) Carrier Ethernet 2.0 (CE 2.0) certification, making it the first and only global managed data service provider capable of delivering ubiquitous, high-performance, carrier-class Ethernet networks and services worldwide over satellite.

The MEF CE 2.0 certification is recognition that SES Networks now has the capability to deliver today's most advanced, high-performance and secure Ethernet services across its global footprint. Achieving MEF certification is the first of SES Networks' many initiatives to transform the role of satellite-enabled services as a pillar of mainstream global connectivity.

The MEF association and its members drive standards for Ethernet services. This is the first time a MEF certification has been awarded to a satellite-enabled data service operator, further validating SES Networks' unique Medium Earth Orbit (MEO) satellite-enabled Ethernet Private Line, E-LAN, E-Access and E-Transit services perform on-par to terrestrial services.

SES Networks' fibre-like performance and satellite reach paired with MEF's highest-standard classes of service (CoS) empower customers and partners to offer extended and new standards-compliant services by leveraging ubiquitous satellite Ethernet service interconnection on a truly global basis.

"MEF congratulates SES Networks for being the first and only player in its field to achieve the CE 2.0 certification of Ethernet services. We welcome the diversity of the satellite market into the certified association membership and the exacting standards of quality and performance SES Networks brings to customers," said Nan Chen, President of MEF.

"Providing high-performance, trusted and secure connectivity is at the core of what we do at SES Networks. By becoming the first in our field to be MEF-certified, we can proudly say that our end-to-end managed services are of guaranteed performance levels, allowing our customers to stay focused on maximising business opportunities. Our work with MEF is one of several initiatives SES Networks is undertaking to deliver advanced intelligent network architectures and to evolve agile, assured, orchestrated service definitions that move the industry forward," said JP Hemingway, Executive Vice President, Product, Marketing and Strategy of SES Networks.

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