

EchoStar Completes Early Redemption of 9 1/8 Percent Senior Notes

ENGLEWOOD, Colo.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Feb. 17, 2006--EchoStar Communications Corporation (Nasdaq:DISH) confirmed that effective Feb. 17, 2006, its subsidiary, EchoStar DBS Corporation, completed the previously announced redemption of all of its outstanding 9 1/8 percent Senior Notes due 2009. In accordance with the terms of the indenture governing the notes, the outstanding principal amount of approximately \$442 million was repurchased at 104.563 percent, for a total of approximately \$462 million.

About EchoStar Communications

EchoStar Communications Corporation (Nasdaq:DISH) serves over 12 million satellite TV customers through its DISH Network(TM), and is a leading U.S. provider of advanced digital television services. DISH Network's services include hundreds of video and audio channels, Interactive TV, HDTV, sports and international programming, together with professional installation and 24-hour customer service. DISH Network is the leader in the sale of digital video recorders (DVRs). EchoStar has been a leader for 25 years in digital satellite TV equipment sales and support worldwide. EchoStar is included in the Nasdaq-100 Index (NDX) and is a Fortune 500 company. Visit EchoStar's Web site at www.echostar.com or call 800-333-DISH (3474).

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