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ASIA SATELLITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS LIMITED

亞洲衛星控股有限公司*

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 1135)

ANNOUNCEMENT

**ASIASAT 8 SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED
AND RESUMPTION OF TRADING**

This announcement is made by Asia Satellite Telecommunications Holdings Limited (the “**Company**”) pursuant to Rule 13.09 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”) and Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

References are made to the announcements of the Company dated 11 November 2011 and 8 February 2012, respectively (together the “**Previous Announcements**”) in relation to (i) the construction of AsiaSat 6 and AsiaSat 8 pursuant to the Construction Agreements, and (ii) the launch services for AsiaSat 6 and AsiaSat 8 pursuant to the Launch Contracts, respectively. Unless otherwise defined, terms used in this announcement shall have the same respective meanings as the terms defined in the Previous Announcements.

The Company is pleased to announce AsiaSat 8’s successful launch from the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida, the United States of America at 4:00 p.m. Hong Kong time (equivalent to 4:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time or Cape Canaveral local time) on 5 August 2014 on board a Falcon 9 launch vehicle (the “**Launch Vehicle**”) provided by Space Exploration Technologies Corp.

Approximately 32 minutes after the launch, AsiaSat 8 successfully separated from the Launch Vehicle. Asia Satellite Telecommunications Company Limited (“**AsiaSat**”), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, has acquired the first signals from AsiaSat 8 in Hong Kong approximately 54 minutes after the launch. Over the next few days, AsiaSat 8 will move to its operational position, approximately 36,000 kilometers above the equator where it will undergo in-orbit testing before coming into commercial use.

AsiaSat 8 is a Space Systems/Loral 1300 series satellite and has a designed life of 15 years. With 24 Ku-band transponders and a Ka-band beam, AsiaSat 8 will co-locate with AsiaSat 7, at the orbital location of 105.5 degrees East (nominal) where AsiaSat has established networks for satellite services since 1990. AsiaSat 8's high-powered Ku-band provides coverage in China, India, the Middle East and South East Asia, with an inter-beam switching capability which provides the flexibility to address market requirements.

Trading in the shares of the Company on the Stock Exchange was halted with effect from 1:00 p.m. on 5 August 2014 at the request of the Company pending the publication of this announcement. An application has been made by the Company for resumption of trading in the shares of the Company on the Stock Exchange with effect from 9:00 a.m. on 6 August 2014.

Shareholders of the Company and public investors are to exercise caution when dealing in the securities of the Company.

By Order of the Board
Sue YEUNG
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 5 August 2014

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises 11 directors. The Executive Director is Mr. William WADE. The Non-executive Directors are Mr. Sherwood P. DODGE (Chairman), Mr. JU Wei Min (Deputy Chairman), Mr. LUO Ning, Mr. Peter JACKSON, Mr. John F. CONNELLY and Ms. Nancy KU. The Independent Non-executive Directors are Mr. James WATKINS, Mr. Stephen LEE Hoi Yin, Mr. Kenneth McKELVIE and Ms. Maura WONG Hung Hung. The Alternate Director is Mr. CHONG Chi Yeung (alternate to Mr. LUO Ning).

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