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## **São Paulo: Telespazio Brasil given award by Anuario Telecom**

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Telespazio Brasil, a subsidiary of Telespazio (a Leonardo-Finmeccanica and Thales company) received from the Anuario Telecom the "Destaque do ano" award for Network Infrastructure Services. The Telespazio group company received the recognition for best performance in that category over the course of 2015.

Launched in 1991, Anuario Telecom is a publication that analyses the economic and financial performance of companies operating in Brazil's telecommunications sector. Every year it ranks the largest 100 companies in the country and selects the ones that distinguished themselves in each category during the year.

The results are prepared by the editors of Anuario Telecom under the supervision of the prestigious Fundação Getúlio Vargas in São Paulo.

The awards from Anuario Telecom reward both products and services, encompassing the entire telecommunications sector.

Telespazio Brasil had already won accolades from Anuario Telecom in 2011 and 2012.

In Brazil, Leonardo-Finmeccanica boasts an almost twenty-year presence in the space sector, through its subsidiary Telespazio Brasil, a leading provider of satellite services on the Brazilian market. Present in the country since 1997, it is headquartered in Rio de Janeiro, the city where its satellite services centre operates, and can count on its widespread presence throughout the country. The company offers innovative solutions in the field of satellite telecommunications, multimedia services, images and applications for Earth observation, satellite navigation, as well as turnkey satellite ground systems.

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**Telespazio**, a Leonardo and Thales 67/33 joint venture, is one of the world's leading operators in satellite services. Its activities range from the design and development of space systems to the management of launch services, from in-orbit satellite control to Earth observation, from integrated communications, satellite navigation and localisation services to scientific programmes. Telespazio plays a leading role in the reference markets harnessing technological experience acquired over the years. Since its establishment, the company has participated in major European space programmes such as Galileo, EGNOS, Copernicus and COSMO-SkyMed. In 2015, Telespazio generated sales of EUR 632 million while employing approximately 2,500 people worldwide.