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Telespazio (Finmeccanica/Alcatel) presents its 2007 calendar, “Love Planet Earth”

Telespazio, a Finmeccanica/Alcatel company, is proud to present its 2007 calendar, “**Love Planet Earth**” which this year has an environmental theme. With the help of magnificent high-resolution satellite images, the calendar aims to highlight some of the phenomena that are threatening the Earth’s natural equilibrium.

Seen from space, our planet looks incredibly beautiful yet at the same time extremely fragile. Despite their beauty, the photos of Gilkey Glacier, the Colorado River, the Amazon rain forest, the Saudi Arabian desert, Funafuti Atoll in the Pacific Ocean and the sprawling Mexico City reveal, with an intentionally dramatic contrast, phenomena such as melting ice, desiccation of river basins, deforestation, desertification, rising sea levels and population explosion in our cities.

The images selected, in all their emotive resonance, will accompany us throughout the year, and help us all to love and respect our planet.

For many years Telespazio has been involved in observation activities, and provides increasingly rapid and accurate services, developed as part of European initiatives for environmental protection and risk management such as the *Global Monitoring for Environmental Security* (GMES) programme. In such a way Telespazio provides policy and decision makers in government agencies and local administration with accurate and timely information to support their activity.

From today, you can download the calendar and individual images for your PC desktop from Telespazio’s website (www.telespazio.com/calendar); in addition you will also find a section for each of the topics related to the images, together with news and in-depth reports from a range of sources.