

Intelsat to Transmit HD Olympics for EBU

Intelsat, Ltd., has announced that the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) has signed a multi-transponder deal for the video carriage of the 2008 Summer Games to Europe. The EBU will use C-/Ku-band cross-strap capacity on the Intelsat 706 satellite, located at 50.2 degrees East, to distribute the all high-definition event to its members. The EBU, of which a large proportion of the major European broadcasters are members, provides a full range of network services, including but not limited to HD transmissions to broadband video carriage. Intelsat will be on site in Beijing providing managed services to both the rights holding and non-rights holding broadcasters. Services will include:

- Managed platforms for encoding and multiplexing,
- Transmission services via the Intelsat global network to virtually any destination in the world,
- Managed fiber services,
- Turn-around services on the Intelsat network to include standards conversion, re-mux and data/IP,
- Live shot position, with backdrop of the Olympic Stadium and Olympic Green,
- Multi-format tape play-out services, and
- Feed point connected to a fixed uplink in Beijing.

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Miller Supports Beijing Coverage

Since early this year, camera support manufacturer Miller has delivered a large quantity of Arrow40 camera support systems to China Central Television (CCTV) for ENG news coverage during the Olympic Games. All the systems are paired with the latest HD cameras from Sony, Panasonic and Thomson.

Miller has also supplied Arrow40 systems to Tianjin TV to broadcast the Soccer games which will be held in Tianjin Olympic Centre Stadium. Beijing TV has also equipped their 7 new HD studios with Arrow systems; and Miller's Chinese distributor Guan Hua has prepared plenty of Arrow55 systems as their loaner stock to fully support the coverage of the Olympic Games. The new Arrow range is precisely manufactured and assembled. Combined with more than 50 years history, they are built exactly to support an ultra stable platform with smooth pan and tilt movement for highly demanding HD cameras.

For more information about Miller Arrow fluid head, visit the Miller website www.millertripods.com.

For camera support system rental during the Olympics, contact Miller's authorised dealer Guan Hua in Beijing.

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Australia's ABC Unveils Paralympic Plans

Comedian and TV presenter Adam Hills, Paralympic Gold Medallist Louise Sauvage, and ABC Sport presenters Karen Tighe and Steve Robilliard will make up the team to present ABC TV's exclusive coverage of the Paralympic Games Beijing 2008.

The team will be in position to bring viewers all the excitement of the Games when they start on Saturday September 6, with the spectacular Opening Ceremony broadcast live from the National Stadium in Beijing.

"We are delighted to have such a stellar team of presenters to bring ABC TV's viewers coverage of every memorable moment experienced by Australia's elite Paralympic athletes," say Kim Dalton, ABC Director of Television.

The ABC will broadcast more than 100 hours on ABC1 and ABC2 - the biggest coverage of a Paralympic Games ever.



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