



Bolivian Satellite Tupac Katari Enters Final Orbit



La Paz, Dec 28, (RHC), -- The first Bolivian telecommunication satellite Tupac Katari went into its final orbit on Friday, when it began its first transmission tests, the Bolivian Space Agency reported.

Alexis Andrade, an official with that scientific institution, explained that on December 24, the 5.5-tons satellite began its last test period on Friday, which will last around three months.

The Tupac Katari satellite was launched from the Xi Guan Space Center in China and will give services to mobile phone networks, television, radio and Internet communications. The Bolivian Space Agency was in charge of the building and launching of the satellite, training the personnel in China and building two monitoring stations in the Bolivian towns of Amachuma, in the municipality of El Alto and La Guarida, in Santa Cruz.

Tupac Katari, named after an indigenous leader beheaded and burned by Spanish colonizers, will begin operating in April 2014, and its services will cover all 337 municipalities in the country.

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