

**PRESS RELEASE**

**e-GEOS (Telespazio/ASI) and Lockheed Martin to supply satellite data to the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (US)**

**Five-year contract could be worth up to USD 85 million**

*Denver, 14 January 2010* – The team consisting of the US firm Lockheed Martin [NYSE: LMT] and the Italian company e-GEOS (Telespazio/ASI) has been awarded a contract worth up to USD 85 million by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) to provide data, products and services from the COSMO-SkyMed satellites. The contract was signed in Denver (Colorado) and has a duration of five years.

Under this agreement, Lockheed Martin and e-GEOS will provide the NGA with images acquired from the Italian COSMO-SkyMed satellites, which will be used to develop a wide range of US government applications.

For e-GEOS, which is jointly owned by Telespazio (80%) and the Italian Space Agency (20%), the contract with the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency represents a key commercial and strategic success in the highly competitive US defence market.

This achievement was made possible thanks to the unique and innovative features of the COSMO-SkyMed satellite system, which is a dual-use system intended for both civil and military applications funded by the Italian Space Agency (ASI) and the Italian Ministry of Defence. The system is designed to operate using four satellites with synthetic aperture radar sensors (the first three satellite are already in orbit, while the fourth will be launched during 2010). These satellites are capable of operating day and night in all atmospheric conditions, and with frequent revisit times (every six hours at mid-latitudes with four operational satellites).

The COSMO-SkyMed constellation can provide images with a resolution as high as 1 metre and has the capacity to record up to 2,400,000 square kilometres per day to be used for security applications, ground surveillance, environmental monitoring and natural resource management by public sector bodies and industry.

Telespazio, a Finmeccanica/Thales company, was responsible for building the civil and military ground segments of the system, and now controls the constellation's in-orbit operations from the Fucino Space Centre. e-GEOS, a joint venture between Telespazio and ASI, manages the acquisition and processing of the satellite data, and sells the data on the international market.

**Lockheed Martin** Space Systems Company designs and develops, tests, manufactures and operates a full spectrum of advanced-technology systems for national security and military, civil government and commercial customers. Chief products include human space flight systems; a full range of remote sensing, navigation, meteorological and communications satellites and instruments; space observatories and interplanetary spacecraft; laser radar; ballistic missiles; missile defense systems; and nanotechnology research and development.

Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., Lockheed Martin is a global security company that employs about 140,000 people worldwide and is principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture, integration and sustainment of advanced technology systems, products and services. The corporation reported 2008 sales of \$42.7 billion.

**e-GEOS** ([e-geos.it](http://e-geos.it)) is an Italian company jointly owned by Telespazio (80%), a world leader in satellite services, and ASI (20%). In July 2009 e-GEOS was transformed by Telespazio into one of the leading players in the worldwide earth observation markets. Both Telespazio's Earth Observation Division, with more than 20 years' experience of creating innovative solutions for all types of customers, and Eurimage S.p.A., with more than 20 years' experience of distributing Earth observation satellite products and services, came under the control of e-GEOS.

e-GEOS has signed a contract with ASI for the exclusive rights to commercialize COSMO-SkyMed products in the world-wide commercial market, accessing the civilian component of the COSMO-SkyMed system, for which ASI has been granted by the Italian Government the Intellectual Property Rights and also the rights to program the satellites, and acquire and process data from them. This support and synergy allows e-GEOS to maximize the COSMO-SkyMed distribution rights from ASI by integrating the COSMO-SkyMed products and services into its powerful Earth observation offering (inherited from Telespazio). Thus an end-to-end Earth Observation company has been created, aimed at establishing a global service supplying data, products and services compliant with well-established international standards and relevant to a wide range of commercial applications.

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