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## Telespazio VEGA secures business relationship with ESOC for another five years

The Aerospace Company Telespazio VEGA Deutschland, a subsidiary of Telespazio (a Leonardo-Finmeccanica and Thales company) has successfully qualified for the Frame Contract with the European Space Operations Centre (ESOC) of the European Space Agency (ESA). With this, the company has secured more than 160 existing jobs for the next five years.

The areas of activity in the Frame Contract range from system development to 24/7 satellite operations. More specifically the Frame Contract covers six disciplines: satellite operations, operations engineering, IT services, ground station operations, data systems development and flight dynamics & navigation. The consortium led by Telespazio VEGA Deutschland was the only one that bid for all six disciplines, and was evaluated with high scores overall in comparison to the competing consortia.

This outstanding outcome is a success for the whole of the international Telespazio VEGA Deutschland consortium, which includes Serco Services, CGI Deutschland and CGI UK, Telespazio SpA, Rartel, Rhea System S.A., Hessentech, Solenix Deutschland, Thorn Sicherheits GmbH, VisionSpace Technologies, PosiTim and the TU Darmstadt.

The initial work awarded to the consortium covers 47% of the contract volume in the above mentioned six disciplines.

Sigmar Keller, Chief Executive Officer, is very pleased with the strong position of the company as expert in ground data systems development and operations engineering: "It is the first time that ESOC combines so many disciplines in one contract. The Frame Contract is definitely one of the most important ones for our company and we are very proud of the result we achieved. This underlines our expertise, our long standing relationship with ESOC, as well as our excellent cooperation with our consortium partners".