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Telespazio France and Airbus Defence and Space selected to provide satellite-based maritime surveillance service for the French Navy

The French Navy has awarded a four year contract covering the provision of a satellite-based maritime surveillance service to a consortium of Telespazio France and Airbus Defence and Space. Under the Trimaran 2 contract, a follow-up to Trimaran 1, Maritime zone commanders will have access to a portal for surveillance services using optical and radar imaging and AIS (Automatic Identification System) data to enhance the effectiveness of their national maritime missions.

France has an economic exclusion zone covering more than 11 million km², the second largest in the world behind the United States. In a tense geopolitical context and a time of economic restrictions, the French Navy carries out maritime search and rescue missions to ensure the safety of people and the environment, making particular use of advanced technologies.

Telespazio France and Airbus Defence and Space will be utilising a unique combination of satellites for the Trimaran 2 service, which supplements the range of resources already implemented by the French Navy and form an integral part of its operations concept. This contract, which runs from 2016 to 2020, will improve the effectiveness of the Navy's missions on the world's oceans: whether combating trafficking, preventing illegal immigration, performing search and rescue operations at sea, detecting pollution and toxic discharges, or monitoring protected maritime areas.

Through a dedicated portal, each of the French Navy's maritime command zones will enjoy user-friendly and round-the-clock access to the extensive acquisition capacity of the satellites, with a wide range of reactive services across the globe. Whatever the operation in progress, its type or its location, the radar and optical satellite images are interpreted by the image analysts at Telespazio France and Airbus Defence and Space as soon as they are received and correlated with the AIS data. Reports are then produced and sent to the users, once again via the portal, indicating the types of vessels detected, their position, speed and heading.

"With our partners at Airbus Defence and Space, we are very proud to have provided the French Navy with a highly reliable portfolio of naval surveillance services. After several years of cooperation between the Telespazio Group and the European Maritime Safety Agency, this new contract is a testament to the operational expertise of our teams and the unparalleled contribution to satellite services for French Navy personnel," explained Jean-Marc Gardin, Chairman and CEO of Telespazio France.

"This service, developed with our partner Telespazio France, is the tangible result of our many years of operational collaboration with the French Navy," said Eric Soulères, Head of the Business Line Communications, Intelligence & Security in France at Airbus Defence and Space. *"This contract also confirms the recent Airbus Defence and Space successes in particular the Force and*

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EMSA (European Maritime Safety Agency), demonstrating the pertinence of our solutions for the institutions involved in Government action at sea.”

About Telespazio France

Based in Toulouse and with offices in Paris, Bordeaux and Kourou, Telespazio France is the French subsidiary of Telespazio, a joint venture of Finmeccanica-Leonardo and Thales with revenues of €632 million in 2015 and 2,500 employees. Telespazio has played a pioneering role in satellite-based services and its history has been shaped by key advances and major technological breakthroughs for more than 50 years. Telespazio France is leveraging this culture of innovation and its expertise in latest digital technologies to develop new services with high added value, notably for the geo-information market through its land and sea environmental monitoring programme, EarthLab. Telespazio France is recognised as a leader in the field of operations. It operates complex satellite systems and sustains a large number of infrastructures on behalf of the French space agency (CNES), Arianespace and the French Ministry of Defence.

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About Airbus Defence and Space

Airbus Defence and Space, a division of Airbus Group, is Europe's number one defence and space enterprise and the second largest space business worldwide. Its activities include space, military aircraft and related systems and services. It employs more than 38,000 people and in 2015 generated revenues of over 13 billion Euros.

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