



Vizada and CLS partner to provide IMO-compliant LRIT tracking services to European Maritime Safety Agency

17 August 2009 – Vizada, the leading independent satellite communications provider, and CLS, a key player in sustainable management of marine resources, environmental monitoring and maritime security, have signed a partnership to jointly provide long range identification and tracking (LRIT) to the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) and other Flag States including Vanuatu and Chile.

Vizada is the first provider to have met the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) strict performance requirements for the delivery of LRIT, now mandatory for vessels on international voyages for security and search & rescue purposes.

Through a significant upgrade to its teleport in France, Vizada ensures the reliable and secure transmission of report data to its partner CLS. The upgrade involves the creation of full Internet Protocol (IP) access to the Inmarsat-C infrastructure, and the installation of Enhanced Pre-Assigned Data Report (EPADR) technology.

CLS recently completed the development of an LRIT data center which processes the report information according to IMO standards and in turn delivers it to the relevant Flag Authority, in this case the EMSA.

LRIT obliges vessels to transmit an automatic position report (APR) with the ship's identity and position a minimum of four times a day via a mobile satellite terminal such as an Inmarsat-C. Eligible vessels include passenger ships, cargo ships including high-speed craft of 300 gross tons and above, and mobile offshore drilling units.

The Vizada / CLS system is now operational and the two partners manage LRIT communications for the majority of the EMSA's registered vessels, amounting to 10,000 by the end of 2009. The EMSA is responsible for the management of LRIT data on behalf of the 27 EU member states, as well as Iceland and Norway.

"Both Vizada and CLS have made a significant commitment to the EMSA by meeting the IMO's stringent LRIT requirements in terms of performance, infrastructure and transparency." said Jean-Marc Duc, Product Manager Inmarsat-C, Vizada. *"We now ensure the highest level of maritime safety, security and environmental protection around the European coasts."*

"Meeting the IMO's service level agreements represents a significant milestone for CLS," said Fabienne Jacq, Director Data Collection & Positioning at CLS. *"We are delighted to have finalized this major contract with Vizada which guarantees reliable and fully-compliant LRIT services to our Flag States."*

Vizada

Vizada is an independent provider of global satellite communications services. Vizada offers fixed and mobile connectivity services from multiple satellite network operators through service provider partners throughout the world. The company was formed by the merger of Telenor Satellite Services and France Telecom Mobile Communications. Vizada



now works with the broadest range of network providers in the industry, including: Eutelsat, Inmarsat, Intelsat, Iridium, Loral, New Skies, SES Americom, and Thuraya.

Vizada's customers operate in a range of industries, including: commercial business, military and civil aviation, merchant shipping, emergency response organisations, government and military units, global media companies, and telecoms and internet service providers.

Vizada's 200,000 end users benefit from access to satellite communications services wherever they are in the world, based on the widest possible choice of networks, supported by more than 400 partners. These services are delivered through Vizada's Global Teleport Network – five state-of-the-art satellite facilities strategically positioned around the world – and packaged as tailored Vizada Solutions, which add business value to basic connectivity services.

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About CLS

CLS, Collecte Localisation Satellites, is a subsidiary of the French Space Agency (CNES), and of Ifremer (French research institute for the exploration of the sea). CLS is a key player in sustainable management of marine resources, environmental monitoring and maritime security. CLS has demonstrated an unrivalled 20 years' expertise in Vessel Monitoring Systems and the delivery of Data Centres to governments around the world and proposes a complete range of LRIT products and services, from implementing LRIT data centers to providing satellite data (as an Application Service Provider), testing and furnishing LRIT compliant terminals. Within this framework, CLS has been contracted by the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) to provide the EU LRIT Data Centre and associated Application Service Provider (ASP) services on behalf of all EU member states plus Iceland and Norway. This Data Centre will be the world's largest LRIT Data Centre monitoring approximately 10000 registered vessels.

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