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## **Traceability, biodiversity, resilience: CLS integrates NGIS and expands its geospatial solutions in service of the planet**

Toulouse, France. Coffee traceability, sustainable biomass management, urban mobility optimization, bushfire risk anticipation: with the acquisition of NGIS, an Australian specialist in geospatial solutions applied to sustainable resource management, territorial resilience and supply chain transparency, the CLS Group an international reference player in space and geospatial solutions dedicated to monitoring and protecting the Planet reaches a new milestone in its international growth strategy.

The integration of NGIS strengthens CLS's ability to support companies and public authorities in addressing climate and operational challenges, as well as new international regulatory requirements (such as the European and international regulatory frameworks, including the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR), the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) and the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD)) by transforming spatial and environmental data into operational intelligence that is measurable and directly actionable.

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## NGIS, a strategic accelerator for CLS in Australia and internationally

Founded more than 30 years ago, NGIS is now recognised as one of Australia's leading providers of advanced geospatial solutions. The company employs 110 people, primarily based in Australia (Perth, Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Darwin), and also has a presence in the United Kingdom, Europe and the United States. NGIS generates annual revenues of €24 million (AUD 42.6 million), with 25% of its business conducted internationally.

NGIS brings CLS complementary and highly differentiating expertise in:

- advanced geospatial modelling,
- the exploitation of complex spatial and environmental data,
- the development of high value-added digital platforms,
- the integration of GIS, cloud, AI and analytics technologies,
- the deployment of operational solutions for public authorities and large international groups.

This acquisition positions NGIS as a strategic accelerator of CLS's development, strengthening both its geographic footprint in Australia—where it becomes the Group's second subsidiary after CLS Oceania and its portfolio of solutions dedicated to sustainability, resilience and responsible performance.

### Concrete use cases supporting the ecological and economic transition

The solutions developed by NGIS are already deployed at scale with leading international clients, illustrating the ability of the expanded CLS Group to address highly concrete challenges:



- **Coffee traceability and sustainable sourcing – Coffee Industry**

NGIS supports the coffee industry in ensuring full traceability of its coffee beans, from producers through to the end consumer. This approach guarantees a transparent and responsible supply chain, in line with increasingly stringent environmental and social requirements.



- **Energy and biomass – Drax (United Kingdom)**

NGIS supports Drax in the transformation of its power plants by ensuring the environmental traceability of imported wood pellets, thereby contributing to more sustainable energy production that complies with international standards.



- **Urban mobility and smart cities – Abu Dhabi Traffic (UAE)**

Through geospatial analysis and traffic data intelligence, NGIS has helped optimise urban mobility management in Abu Dhabi, reducing road congestion and improving the efficiency of public services.



- **Bushfire management and territorial resilience**

In Australia, NGIS develops and deploys advanced geospatial solutions to help public authorities anticipate, manage and respond to bushfires, strengthening the safety of communities, infrastructure and ecosystems.

These use cases illustrate the combined ability of CLS and NGIS to transform spatial data into actionable intelligence, in support of a more sustainable, resilient and transparent economy.

### A response to new regulatory and transparency requirements

In a rapidly evolving regulatory environment, NGIS has notably developed TraceMark™, an end-to-end traceability platform that enables companies to demonstrate compliance of their supply chains with new European and international regulatory frameworks, including the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR), the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) and the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD).

TraceMark™ notably enables :

- real-time tracking of raw material flows (coffee, wood, cocoa, palm oil, etc.),
- identification of environmental risks and ecosystem degradation,
- the production of automated and audited reporting,
- integration of social and environmental responsibility criteria across the entire value chain.

This technology complements and strengthens CLS's long-standing solutions for the sustainable management of natural resources, which are based on the exploitation of satellite data (positioning, optical, radar and altimetry) and in situ data, serving both public and private stakeholders.

### A shared vision and common values

Beyond technological and commercial synergies, this acquisition is underpinned by a shared vision of sustainability and corporate social responsibility. NGIS stands out for its strong commitment to inclusion and diversity, with women representing 40% of its workforce, as well as for concrete actions in support of Aboriginal communities.

CLS, a mission-driven company since 2021 and a signatory of the United Nations Global Compact since 2016, also places the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the heart of its strategy.

### Stéphanie Limouzin, President of CLS:

*« In a world facing unprecedented environmental and regulatory challenges, our responsibility is to provide our clients with concrete, reliable and measurable solutions. The integration of NGIS into the CLS Group marks a major strategic milestone: it strengthens our ability to support businesses and territories worldwide, by putting space and geospatial intelligence at the service of a more transparent, responsible and sustainable economy. »*



### Paul Farrell, NGIS CEO

*« Joining the CLS Group is a natural choice. We share the same conviction: technology must be a positive lever for the planet and for future generations. This alliance is built on shared values and a common vision of sustainability, and it will enable us to amplify the impact of our geospatial solutions on a global scale. »*

### A confirmed international growth momentum

With this acquisition, the CLS Group adds 6 new operational sites to its network, which now comprises 41 locations worldwide across 5 continents, and surpasses 1,200 employees. This transaction marks the Group's 19th external growth operation since 2008, illustrating the robustness of its strategy and its ability to grow sustainably in the global market.

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### About CLS

CLS is a global company, mission-driven, and pioneer provider of monitoring and surveillance solutions for the Earth, created in 1986. We are subsidiary of the French Space Agency (CNES) and CNP, an investment firm. Our mission is to create innovative space-based solutions to understand and protect our planet and to manage its resources sustainably.

CLS employs, now, 1,200 people at our headquarters in Toulouse (France) and in 40 other sites around the world.

The company works in five strategic markets:

- sustainable fisheries management,
- environmental monitoring,
- maritime surveillance,
- mobility,
- and energies & infrastructures.

CLS processes data from almost 200,000 beacons per month (such as drifting buoys, animal tags, VMS beacons, & LRIT tracking) and observes the oceans and inland waters (every day more than 20 instruments onboard satellites deliver information to CLS on

the world's seas and oceans). In addition, we monitor land and sea activities by satellite (nearly 20,000 radar and optical images and several hundred drone flights are processed each year).

Committed to a sustainable planet, every day the company works for Earth, from Space. [www.cls.fr](http://www.cls.fr)

## **<sup>1</sup> CNES**

CNES (Centre National d'Études Spatiales) is the government agency responsible for shaping and implementing French space policy in Europe. It designs and puts satellites into orbit and invents the space systems of tomorrow; it promotes the emergence of new services useful in everyday life. Founded in 1961, CNES has developed major space projects, launchers, and satellites and is the industry's natural partner for promoting innovation. The agency has nearly 2,500 employees passionate about space and its infinite, innovative fields of application. They work in five areas: the Ariane project, science, observation, telecommunications, and defense. CNES is a major player in technological innovation, economic development, and France's industrial policy. It also forges scientific partnerships and is involved in many international cooperative endeavors. France, represented by CNES, is one of the main contributors to the European Space Agency (ESA). [www.cnes.fr](http://www.cnes.fr)

## **<sup>2</sup> CNP**

CNP is a private investment company founded by Albert Frère and a preeminent player on the European investment market. Backed by a stable family shareholder base, CNP manages a net asset value of €3bn, focusing on long-term value creation by actively supporting the management teams of the companies in which it holds majority or leading stakes. From the start, CNP has sought to foster entrepreneurship: with permanent capital at its disposal, CNP comes in as a trusted partner to both founders and managers, and tailors its commitment with their ambition in mind. [www.cnp.be](http://www.cnp.be)

## **More about NGIS**

Founded in Australia in 1993 with a clear ambition—to harness the power of maps and data to build a better world—NGIS designs and delivers geospatial solutions that are transforming the way major national and international companies such as Starbucks and IKEA monitor and protect their supply chains. From its 7 offices in the world, its 110 employees develop innovative solutions every day.

NGIS is the creator of TraceMark™, a platform that enables end-to-end traceability of commodities such as timber, cocoa and coffee, from producer to consumer, while complying with the most demanding regulatory requirements. Committed to delivering positive impact, NGIS promotes diversity and takes concrete action in support of Indigenous Australian communities. Today, NGIS continues to innovate, driven by the conviction that technology can truly change the game for the planet. <https://ngis.com.au/>