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## Fulcrum Maritime Systems joins CLS Group

CLS Group and Fulcrum Maritime Systems (FMS) joined forces at the end of 2016 to become a world-leading maritime surveillance service provider. CLS Group infrastructure and worldwide network, as well as FMS expertise on maritime services such as LRIT, are expected to further increase operational capabilities for the benefit of existing customers. Christophe Vassal, CEO of CLS Group, said "this is a very important step for CLS Group in consolidating our strategy and portfolio of maritime surveillance services. FMS bring with them considerable knowledge and experience in maritime and information technology, which will be very valuable for our future development plans". Paul Devlin, Director of FMS, said "We are extremely pleased to join CLS Group. This joining of forces will strengthen and improve customer relationships for both companies. Our existing clients will benefit from a greater product range and allow both companies to promote and grow its maritime surveillance portfolio from a position of great strength".

## About CLS



CLS, a subsidiary of CNES, ARDIAN and IFREMER, has a workforce of 600 and is active in 6 strategic sectors: sustainable management of fisheries, environmental monitoring, maritime safety and security, fleet management, space and ground segment. The company provides especially satellite services based on the location and collection of environmental data, from drifting buoys, animals, fishing and merchant ships. The CLS Group had a turnover close to 115 million euros in 2016 and plans to increase it to about 125 million in 2017. The group, which has been achieving strong growth these last few years, has set ambitious

goals to take advantage of the opening-up of new markets.

## About Fulcrum Maritime Systems

Fulcrum Maritime Systems Ltd has been providing high quality systems and support to flag states, ship registries and commercial customers around the world since 2008.FMS has gained approval as an LRIT Testing ASP provider for over 65 flag states and is the Data Centre Operator for 12 Flags States worldwide, to whom we provide a range of services related to LRIT. Our objective is to provide high quality systems to Ship Registries and Ship Owners to assist with Vessel Tracking and Vessel Management in



order to adhere to IMO Regulatory requirements. Since 2010 we have been ISO 9001:2008 Certified, which has provided us with a strong foundation to fulfil our objective of continually providing high quality systems.

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