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McMurdo announced a contract worth almost 4 million euros with CLS, subsidiary of the CNES (National Centre for Space Research) and Ifremer (French Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea) for the design and supply of positioning and data collection beacons for fishing vessels.

McMurdo, a business of the Orolia Group (NYSE Alternext Paris – FR0010501015 – ALORO), has announced that it has signed a contract worth almost 4 million euros for the design and supply of Argos and Iridium beacons allowing countries' local regulatory coastal authorities to monitor, control and survey fishing fleets (VMS: Vessel Monitoring Systems).

"We are delighted to announce this new contract with CLS, who are one of the leading providers of global satellite systems. Their strong expertise in environmental monitoring, sustainable maritime resources and systems, will enable us to demonstrate technical competencies in the field of positioning and communication beacons which can be attached to moving objects in extreme conditions. Our unique status as the global leader in high-performance positioning beacons (Cospas-Sarsat, AIS, Argos and Iridium) allows us to offer unique solutions in the maritime sector. Due to our size, our wide range of products and solutions, our extensive experience and our capacity to develop these specialist electronic beacons, we are attracting an increasing number of major international accounts that may provide us a significant source of potential growth in the future" explains Ross Wilkinson, General Manager of Orolia’s Maritime Business Unit.

"CLS has been working closely with OROLIA for the past twenty years. CLS has already supplied more than 15,000 fishing vessels with positioning and data collection beacons (positioning, sending of electronic log reports, receipt of weather warnings, etc.). CLS is hoping that this order will confirm their position as a reputable player in the VMS segment in more than 70 different countries," explains Christophe Vassal, General Manager of CLS.

The Argos and Iridium beacons will be delivered at intervals over a period of 3 years, following a 12-month design and assessment phase for these new platforms.