



## 30th anniversary of CNES's subsidiary CLS in Toulouse

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In 1986, **CNES** and **Ifremer**, the French institute of marine research and exploration, formed **CLS** to operate and market the Argos system. With the satellite-borne instruments and the Argos transmitters that have since forged its international reputation, which now number more than 20,000 across the globe, CLS enables scientists and nations to explore and continuously keep track of the oceans.

Initially created to study the oceans, the company today offers a comprehensive system dedicated to environmental monitoring, sustainable marine resource management, maritime safety and tracking of single-handed yacht races. From its beginnings as a small firm with just 35 people, CLS is today an international group with 600 employees around the world, working at 23 offices and subsidiaries, among them CLS America is based at Lanham, near Washington D.C. It is an innovative company spinning off the space systems devised by CNES and developing applications and services for the benefit of the planet and its populations.

Alongside the development of international partnerships pursued by CNES, in close cooperation with NASA and NOAA for the United States of America, CLS has succeeded in evolving the applications of the Argos system. Since 1996, it has supported CNES's space oceanography activities through its extensive range of satellite altimetry applications and in the 2000s added radar applications to its portfolio. As the world leader in satellite-based Earth observation and value-added services, CLS has become a true operator of satellite systems and is an exceptional success story. Today, it is the flagship of the french space industry.

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