



## **Sercel 508<sup>XT</sup> land acquisition system passes 1 million VP milestone in Saudi Arabia**

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CGG announced today the successful large-scale deployment of Sercel's new-generation 508<sup>XT</sup> land seismic acquisition system on a high-productivity super crew conducting a seismic survey in Saudi Arabia. The system is currently deployed on a crew operated by ARGAS, CGG's joint venture with TAQA, and achieved the milestone of one million VPs (Vibrated Points) in January 2016. Since its launch in 2013, the 508<sup>XT</sup> has been successfully field-proven in the toughest conditions in various environments, such as Arctic, farmland and desert areas.

The ARGAS land crew has been working in Saudi Arabia since October 2015, where it has consistently provided outstanding vibroseis production rates while recording highly accurate seismic data. The crew is currently operating with 12 fleets of two Sercel Nomad 65 Neo all-terrain broadband vibrators using the DS4 (Distance-Separated Simultaneous Slip-Sweep) vibroseis source method. For data recording, the crew is employing nearly 40,000 channels and 360,000 sensors in a 150 km<sup>2</sup> active spread.

Its deployment on this high-channel-count survey enables the Sercel 508<sup>XT</sup> system to demonstrate the full benefits of its game-changing cross-technology (X-Tech™) architecture, which combines the best of cabled and wireless system characteristics to optimize crew productivity and reduce operational downtime.

Pascal Rouiller, Sercel CEO, said: "This new performance milestone underlines Sercel's success at designing the most advanced equipment solutions to meet the needs of high-productivity seismic acquisition programs. We believe that our 508<sup>XT</sup>'s unique X-Tech recording capabilities represent a breakthrough for all our customers, whether they wish to maximize crew productivity or increase their operating flexibility."

Saad S. Al-Akeel, ARGAS CEO, said: "In addition to the direct benefits of its X-Tech architecture, the 508<sup>XT</sup>'s low power consumption combined with a requirement for less field units and batteries brings a significant weight saving, directly impacting our crew productivity and minimizing our HSE exposure. In addition, the 508<sup>XT</sup> equipment is easy to manage and its reliability so far has been excellent."

## About CGG

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