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Saft and JSC ISS – Russia's largest commercial satellite company signed new framework contract for lithium-ion batteries at Paris Air Show

Five-year contract extension cements Saft's long-term relationship with Russia's largest commercial telecommunications satellite company.

Paris, June 15, 2015 – Saft, the world's leading designer and manufacturer of advanced technology batteries for industry, signed on June 15th, at the Paris Air Show a five-year extension to a framework agreement to supply lithium-ion (Li-ion) battery systems to JSC ISS, Russia's largest commercial satellite company.

The contract further extends the agreement originally signed in 2010. It covers the development and supply of lithium-ion (Li-ion) battery systems for GEO (geostationary earth orbit) commercial telecommunications satellites based on the Express platform. The contract extension further cements the relationship between Saft and JSC ISS which started in 2008.

The Saft onboard Li-ion battery systems will ensure reliable operation of the Express GEO satellites during the satellites' twice-yearly eclipse periods. The Express battery systems utilise Saft's VES 180 cells, which have a high specific energy capability for optimum energy storage without increasing the satellite's all-up weight.

"The extension to the framework agreement demonstrates the strength of Saft's long term relationship with JSC ISS and highlights Saft's reputation as a battery supplier with proven capability to delivery high performance and totally reliable batteries for the space industry," said Serge Fouilhau, Saft's General Director for Space and Defence.

Since 2008, Saft has delivered Li-ion batteries for a number of JSC ISS satellite platforms: AMOS-5, TELKOM-3, Yamal-300K, Express-AM5, Kazsat-3, Express-AM6, Express-AT1, Express-AT2, Express-AM8 and Lybid.

Saft manufactures the VES cells in Bordeaux, France, before assembling the battery systems in Poitiers ready for delivery to JSC ISS' facilities in Krasnoyarsk, Russia.



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About Saft

Saft (Euronext: Saft) is a world leading designer and manufacturer of advanced technology batteries for industry. The Group is the world's leading manufacturer of nickel batteries and primary lithium batteries for the industrial infrastructure and processes, transportation, civil and military electronics' markets. Saft is the world leader in space and defence batteries with its Li-ion technologies which are also deployed in the energy storage, transportation and telecommunication network markets. More than 4,000 employees in 18 countries, 14 manufacturing sites and an extensive sales network all contribute to accelerating the Group's growth for the future.

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About JSC ISS

The JSC "Academician M.F. Reshetnev "Information Satellite Systems" is Russia's leading space enterprise specializing in the design, development and manufacture of high performance spacecraft and satellite systems. The company owns the latest technology to perform a complete satellite manufacturing cycle, including mission-critical satellite testing and qualification as well as satellite-in-orbit control and support. Information Satellite Systems has created over 1200 spacecrafts of various applications which provided a basis for more than 40 multi-satellite constellations and systems operating in LEO, MEO, HEO and GEO spacecrafts. ISS-Reshetnev's solid expertise, highly-qualified personnel, advanced technologies and reliable partnership relations are the company's most important assets and the major source of its competitive advantage allowing the enterprise to maintain its leading position on the highly competitive satellite market.

For more information, visit JSC ISS at www.iss-reshetnev.ru

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