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## **Local Company Wins \$12 Million European Contract**

**St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada – September 30, 2005** – C-CORE has successfully negotiated a \$12 million contract with the European Space Agency (ESA) to run an international program, Polar View that will be operating in Canada and Europe. The Polar View is a major component of ESA's Global Monitoring for Environment and Security (GMES) program and part of a collaborative agreement between ESA and the Canadian Space Agency (CSA).

Polar View is a network of companies and institutes from Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Sweden, and the UK that will provide satellite monitoring services of northern regions and the Antarctic.

“These are frontier regions”, says Dr. Charles Randell, Vice President of C-CORE and head of the Polar View network. “They are pristine and fragile, but with tremendous economic potential. The North in particular requires a balance of stewardship and development. That in turn requires accurate and up to date information over enormous regions as well as the ability to monitor these regions frequently and easily. Satellites are the perfect tool. They can photograph and make measurements of the entire Arctic or Antarctic in little more than the blink of an eye. And they can do it several times a day, every day of the year.”

This three year contract is to provide satellite monitoring services in a number of areas including:

- Ship and iceberg monitoring;
- High resolution ice charts;
- Glacier monitoring;
- Lake and river ice monitoring;
- Snow monitoring; and
- Climate change indicators.

At a press conference in Halifax, CSA President Dr. Marc Garneau and ACOA President Monique Collette, speaking on behalf of The Honourable Joseph McGuire, congratulated C-CORE on being awarded this major European Space Agency contract in an area of national and international importance, and recognized C-CORE as an excellent example of the entrepreneurial spirit required to seize upon these opportunities. The contract was facilitated through the Canada-ESA Collaborative Arrangement in which CSA invests between \$20m and \$30m annually. As a member of ESA, Canada invests in niche areas where Canadian companies excel. ACOA is also supporting technology development at C-CORE including technologies that will be integrated into the Polar View and many other activities.

GMES is an initiative co-sponsored by ESA and the European Commission to develop a global monitoring capability. It is a decision-support system for the public and public policymakers, with the capability of acquiring, processing, interpreting and distributing information related to the environment, risk management and natural resources.

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Based in St. John's, Newfoundland, C-CORE is a global corporation providing innovative engineering solutions to clients in the natural resource sectors. We develop and apply advanced technologies to address production and market issues faced by natural resource sectors. Collaboration with industry and research institutions achieves exceptional results and contributes to economic growth in these industries. Although Canada is a major focus, we also continue to increase our operations in the United States, Europe, Australia and offshore Russia.

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