

Leonardo: Telespazio Brasil to build new satellite teleport in Maricá, State of Rio de Janeiro, boosting its next-gen satellite services offering

- **Codemar will lease the site where Telespazio will build one of the most advanced Ground Segment facility for communications operators in Latin America**
- **This investment will see Telespazio reinforce its position as one of the most important global players in satellite solutions**
- **The initiative is part of the Municipality of Maricá's plan for the technology-driven sustainable development, which also saw the establishment of the joint venture Leonardo&Codemar S.A.**

Rio de Janeiro, 12 February 2020 – Leonardo, through its subsidiary Telespazio Brasil, and the Maricá municipality represented by Codemar (Companhia de Desenvolvimento de Maricá), have announced an agreement to develop a new satellite teleport for telecommunications applications in the territory of Maricá (State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil).

Codemar will lease a large parcel of land to Telespazio, which will design and build the telecommunication infrastructure required to host one of the largest and most advanced Ground Segment for new Satellites Operators in Latin America.

The new teleport will provide telecommunication services for the Geostationary Earth Orbit (GEO) satellites as well as low latency, very high-bandwidth services for the Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite constellations.

This new facility is well positioned to support the growth in demand and challenging requirements generated by the Oil & Gas sector in the region, as well to seize opportunities in other sectors such as government and maritime operations.

Maricá is investing in world-class infrastructures with the aim of becoming the new hub for the Oil & Gas sector, due to its strategic location and in order to support the sector's growth in Bacia de Santos, the most important oil exploration field in Brazil. As part of the administration's plan for a technology-driven development, Leonardo, through its subsidiary Leonardo International, and Codemar recently established the joint venture Leonardo&Codemar S.A. (49% Codemar and 51% Leonardo) which is focused on security, resilience, critical infrastructure management and innovative services.

Note to the editors

Telespazio, a joint venture between Leonardo (67%) and Thales (33%) has been present in the Brazil through its subsidiary Telespazio Brasil since 1997. Telespazio Brasil is a leading provider of satellite services on the Brazilian market. The company is headquartered in Rio de Janeiro, the city where operates its Satellite Services Centers, and can count on its widespread presence throughout the country. Telespazio Brasil offers innovative and customized solutions for vertical segments to the Corporate and Institutional Customers in the field of satellite telecommunications, multimedia services, images and applications for Earth observation, as well as engineering, operations and maintenance services for satellite ground systems. In particular, in the Earth observation sector, Telespazio Brasil markets the products of the COSMO-SkyMed radar satellite constellation on behalf of e-GEOS (a Telespazio/ASI company), especially for monitoring the Amazon forest and for agriculture, defence and security and oil & gas protection applications.