

Press release

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MENTORE Consortium awarded contract by the European GSA (Galileo)

Cotecna Inspection Ltd, UK is a partner in the MENTORE Consortium that has been awarded a contract by the GNSS Supervisory Authority (GSA). As of 1 January 2007, GSA took over responsibility for the tasks previously assigned to the Galileo Joint Undertaking.

The GSA is a European Community agency whose objective is to develop a European global navigation satellite system, providing highly accurate, guaranteed global positioning service under civilian control that will be interoperable with other global satellite navigation systems.

MENTORE, a two year project, will specifically address, i) the identification of general tracking and tracing domains and, ii) the implementation and operation of pilot services, including the analysis of non-technical aspects. The official kick-off of the MENTORE project took place on July 9 in Rome at the premises of Telepazio, the project coordinator.

Cotecna's role is primarily related to expertise in the human intervention aspects of applying and managing track / trace solution technologies in the movements of goods and vehicles. Cotecna's experience in supply chain security and secure trade lane implementation and operation will also be exploited.

Robert Massey, CEO Cotecna said, "Cotecna is pleased to be a partner in the MENTORE consortium contributing to the development of services using the European GNSS (Galileo) infrastructure in trade and freight security applications. We look forward to effectively addressing key issues in the current security environment working with our partners in MENTORE."

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