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Steria signs a framework agreement with the Norwegian Ministry of Defence to provide global IT services

Steria, IT services global operator in Europe, has signed a framework agreement with the Norwegian Ministry of Defence to implement global IT services. Thanks to its excellence in its three core businesses: consulting, systems integration and managed services, Steria is once again proving that it can rise to its customers' challenges through its global approach.

The three-year contract involves the implementation of a range of services including consulting, IT systems development, systems integration and managed services. Steria was chosen over the other 51 companies consulted during the call for tender.

"Steria has extensive experience in managing large-scale IT projects for demanding technological environments in Norway. The Ministry of Defence is the crowning achievement in a long list of prestigious customers such as Telenor, the Ministry of Finance and the Norwegian police", states Kjell Rusti, General Manager of Steria Norway.

Steria also operates in Europe for the Danish customs authorities, the British Ministries of Defence and Justice and the Norwich City Council , the Belgian Ministry of the Interior, the French Ministries of the Economy and Finance, and Education, the Spanish Ministries of Economy, Labour and Health, the Swiss canton of Vaud and the European Commission, to name but a few.

About Steria (www.steria.com)

Steria is one of the top ten IT services companies in Europe. Steria boasts 9000 employees and forecasts 2002 revenues of over €1bn, 60% of which will come from outside France due to its presence in 12 countries worldwide. The Group has confirmed the sound nature of its strategic positioning as an IT services global operator in three core businesses: consulting, systems integration and managed services. Steria is a pioneer in employee shareholding, with 31% of its capital being held by employees. Steria is listed on the Premier Marché of the Paris Stock Exchange and in the SBF 120 index.

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