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Delivering Value from Big Data

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Images attached. Caption: Andy Thompson, Director, Earth Observation and Sat Comms, CGI. Colin McKinnon, CEO at the IEA.

IEA welcomes CGI collaboration

The Institute for Environmental Analytics (IEA) has announced a new collaborative relationship with [CGI](#), one of the largest global IT services providers.

CGI's pan-European [space team](#) provides ground systems for processing Earth Observation and weather satellite data, and services exploiting EO data for applications from forestry and agriculture to climate and insurance.

Colin McKinnon, CEO of the IEA, welcomed the relationship saying: "CGI are a major player in the global IT market and have wide ranging experience in Earth Observation and developing new systems and applications."

Andy Thompson, Director, Earth Observation and Sat Comms, at CGI, said: "We are delighted to be joining the Institute for Environmental Analytics. We look forward to working together to exploit environmental data from space and terrestrial sources to develop more information services for commercial and Government end users."

The IEA works closely with a wide range of strategic collaborators and Partners from the public and private sectors that span all aspects of the environmental analytics supply chain – from the development of the underlying scientific research through the provision of high performance computing and remote sensing to operational data applications and services.

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Find out more about CGI at www.cgi.com

Note to Editors:

The Institute for Environmental Analytics (IEA) was founded in January 2015 and is a unique flagship centre, funded by the HEFCE Catalyst Fund and hosted by the University of Reading. Harnessing the expertise of world-leading academics and commercial organisations, the IEA is developing the technologies and skills that are urgently required to transform big data into commercially-relevant solutions.

Led by CEO, Colin McKinnon, the IEA aims to become a leading worldwide centre of excellence supporting the development of the environmental big data analytics market. The IEA works closely with clients to help them tackle environmental challenges drawing on a range of advanced data analytics expertise from within the core team and across the partners. Key sectors include insurance, agri-food, infrastructure, transport and utilities.

Services include applied, near-market R&D, the development of proof of concept demonstrators, the establishment of training courses and the broader dissemination of the opportunity of big data analytics for industry, policymakers and the third sector.

IEA Partners include the University of Reading, Agrimetrics, Airbus Defence and Space, BMT Group, BuroHappold Engineering, the Centre for Ecology & Hydrology, Deimos Space UK, ERM, Lighthill Risk Network, Met Office, Microsoft UK & Microsoft Research, National Centre for Earth Observation, University of Oxford, Sainsbury's, Satellite Applications Catapult, Science and Technology Facilities Council, University of Surrey and Telespazio Vega. The IEA also works closely with the UK Space Agency and hosts the Climate Data from Space Stakeholder Group (CDSSG) and UK Space Sector Skills Manager.

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