

## Press Release

### • Syrlinks laureate of the 2019 Space Forum trophies •

**Toulouse, France, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019.** The French SMB Syrlinks, based in Rennes and recently established near Toulouse, received today the 2019 Space Forum trophy in the International category. This prize rewards a French company whose international development is a major feature of its strategy. Indeed, Syrlinks has been distinguished for winning several international markets over the past few years, especially the one of supply of equipment for the mega-constellation of telecommunication satellites [OneWeb](#).

For the second time, La Tribune organized the Space Forum to highlight the companies of the local and national spatial field but also to reveal the uses of spatial equipment in our daily life. The judging panel for this event is made up of Thales Alenia Space, Airbus Defence & Space or Telespazio France directors, amongst others.

In 2018, the company achieved a turnover of 11 million euros, 40% of whom is created by export; half of this part is made in the United-States.

*“We want to strengthen even more our position in the United-States. Therefore, we are currently carrying out a reflection on a physical establishment in this country in the medium term”*, announced Guy Richard, CEO of Syrlinks.

The development of constellations of satellites contributes to the growth of spatial markets. New operators, such as GAFA, are interested in it and create new services, based on the use of the spatial infrastructure.

Today, the industrialists can produce satellites on a large scale and in a competitive way. Thanks to its mastery of the NewSpace approach, Syrlinks has become one of the world leaders of spatial radiocommunications. It equips all the last satellites of a mega-constellation produced by Airbus OneWeb Satellites and launched at the end of February. Nowadays, many industrialists in the United-States, in Europe, in Asia or in Brazil have micro or nano-satellites projects. Syrlinks' solutions enable to answer the new markets that are opening up because they can be quickly and easily adapted to competitive prices.

### ABOUT SYRLINKS

Thanks to its mastery of innovative technologies, Syrlinks designs, manufactures and markets high performance radiocommunication and geolocation equipment in the fields of space, defense, safety and time-frequency. Its products are outstanding and internationally renowned for their robustness, their performance, their miniature size and their low energy consumption. Syrlinks works with prestigious clients and partners such as Airbus, Oneweb, the CNES (the French national agency for space studies), the European Space Agency (ESA), Thales Alenia Space, and Nexeya.

The company, founded in 2011 near Rennes, employs around a hundred people. Its leaders anticipate the recruitment of around twenty more staff in 2019.

For its first space contract, Syrlinks participated in 2012 in the development of the CNES Myriade Evolutions platform's radio links for Earth observation missions. The popularity of Syrlinks was also based on the Rosetta space mission, initiated by the ESA, aimed at exploring Comet chouri. Syrlinks team designed and manufactured the wireless communication systems connecting the Rosetta probe to the Philae robot-lander.

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- **Foundation:** June 2011
- **Activity:** Design, manufacture and marketing of radiocommunication, geolocation and time/frequency equipment for harsh environments.
- **Fields of activity:** Space- Defense - Safety - Time/Frequency
- **Number of employees:** 100 including 60 in research & development
- **Outlook for recruitment in 2019:** 20 new positions, mainly in sales and production
- **Turnover 2018:** 11 million euros / \$12 million
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- **Export:** 45% of sales; including 25% in the United States, 15% in Europe, and 5% in Asia.