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CNES ISO 9001 AND 14001 CERTIFICATION RENEWED NO NON-CONFORMANCES FOR FOURTH YEAR RUNNING

CNES's Management System was audited in October with excellent results at its four centres of excellence in Paris Les Halles, Paris Daumesnil, the Toulouse Space Centre and the Guiana Space Centre. After its audit, certifying body AFNOR Certification confirmed the renewal of the agency's ISO 9001 quality and ISO 14001 environmental management certifications. No non-conformances were noted for the fourth year running.

Among the many strong points highlighted by the audit were:

- Buy-in of CNES teams to the agency's progress drive
- The effective response to the COVID-19 health crisis at all sites and the quality of management at field centres
- The strong environmental dynamic at CNES, sustained through the commitment of employees and the agency's environment network, a remarkable biodiversity approach at the Toulouse Space Centre (CST) and the Guiana Space Centre (CSG), an ambitious energy strategy at the CSG, a well-tailored analysis of orbital project life cycles and a good communication plan
- The agency's good corporate social responsibility (CSR) approach
- The Science Survey Seminar and its innovativeness
- Rigorous auditing in support of risk management
- Robust project and case management practices as illustrated in orbital systems by the IASI-NG project, the CADMOS centre for the development of microgravity applications and space operations, the Earth-observation laboratory and its Littoscope, Thermocity and Flaude projects, and in launch vehicles by the SAVA system and the Challenge Day
- The Space Climate Observatory (SCO) France and the value added by its advice to project proponents
- Launch campaign planning, the process for qualifying operational deputies and the crisis management system at the CSG
- The agency's information system, with strong support for homeworking and a remarkable quality approach
- Robust financial management and programmatic processes
- Knowledge and skills management in the Procurement directorate
- Safety policy governance
- Sustained career and skills management/planning

On the announcement of these remarkable results, CNES President Jean-Yves Le Gall commented: "Given the context of the health crisis, the many strong points identified illustrate CNES's resilience and its great adaptability. The renewal of our ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 certifications, with no non-conformances noted for the fourth year running, is a testament to the high level of performance at our four centres of excellence. I want to thank and congratulate everyone at CNES for this success achieved thanks to their daily dedication."

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