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## Australian Company wins Chinese contract for new high-tech weather satellite systems for the Antarctic

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Environmental Systems & Services Pty Ltd (ES&S) is pleased to announce a \$1 million contract with the Polar Research Institute of China for new high-tech X and L band weather satellite systems. These comprise two new satellite tracking ground stations and associated software for data processing and display.

The ground stations will be installed at Zhongshan base and the Great Wall base in the Antarctic during the 2009-10 summer to contribute remote sensed atmospheric, oceanographic and sea ice data for polar research programs. In addition to these stations, ES&S will install data processing and display systems at the Research Institute's offices in Beijing and Shanghai.

Remote sensing from space is a critically important source of data and these new systems will give the Polar Research Institute state-of-the-art tools and data.

ES&S, based in the Melbourne suburb of Richmond, has designed and manufactured weather satellite systems for 20 years and exported systems to more than a dozen countries in Asia and the Pacific.

The Chinese government assessed the ES&S systems as representing the best value-for-money against competitors from the US and Europe after an extensive international tendering process.

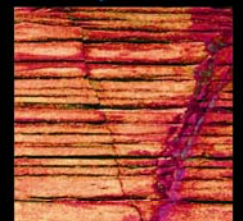
Development of these new X-band systems was assisted by a \$2.25 million Research and Development START Grant awarded to ES&S by the Australian Government in 2002. Following the successful R&D project, the new systems have been deployed in Australia, Antarctica, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Pakistan, Malaysia, Indonesia and New Zealand.

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