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## 1Spatial Aquires ComSine

1Spatial (UK) has announced the acquisition of ComSine, a privately owned SME specialising in IT consultancy and development for the telecommunications, navigation and geographic information industries, including satellite Earth observation. ComSine's intellectual property in the communications sector will enable 1Spatial to venture into the rapidly developing Sensor Web Enablement (SWE) marketplace. In line with the growing trend for pervasive computing, this burgeoning area of the geospatial data market sees the convergence of the telecommunications and geospatial industries, with a focus on the real-time capture and management of geospatial information into spatial data infrastructures.

One of ComSine's most significant projects in this area was the recently completed contract with the British National Space Centre (BNSC) for its ICP2 SensorWeb Project, which saw the development of 'OSCAR' (OGC-compliant Sensor Control \& Access Resource) - a prototype web services SWE software resource to support the easy integration of in-situ environmental sensors with online information systems.

Additionally, the acquisition of ComSine will support 1Spatial's implementation of the recently won Ordnance Survey project, through the addition of complementary skills, whilst also adding proven expertise in winning and implementing European funded business.

With offices in Hampshire, UK and Victoria, Australia, ComSine has a portfolio of over 20 clients including the Ordnance Survey, QinetiQ, the European Space Agency, the Galileo Supervisory Authority, Anite Public Sector, the University of Nottingham and LogicaCMG. ComSine's established Australian base will facilitate the development of 1Spatial's emerging presence in the region. Many of ComSine's web services projects adhere to the Open Geospatial Consortium's web standards and have interoperability at their heart, which is completely consistent with 1Spatial's philosophy.

