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## Orange Business Creates a New Division Dedicated to Defense and Homeland Security

Orange is strengthening its commitment to sovereignty with the creation of a new division dedicated to defense and homeland security, integrated within Orange Business. This strategic decision aligns with the "Lead the Future" plan and makes Orange's focus on strategic verticals with high sovereignty stakes a reality. It also demonstrates the Group's desire to leverage its operational excellence to support defense and security actors in France and Europe.

The Defense and Security sector increasingly relies on cutting-edge technologies driven by digital innovation and has high requirements for resilience and security. It demands a deep understanding of the needs of these actors, as well as a high level of data sovereignty, risk anticipation, operational excellence, and regulatory compliance. In this context, Orange Business announces the creation of the Defense & Security Division (Direction Défense & Sécurité – DD&S), a specialized unit bringing together several hundred experts dedicated to the digital transformation of ministries, operators, and companies in defense and homeland security industries.

The new Defense & Security Division aims to strengthen and develop existing activities to address several key challenges: deployment of resilient connectivity solutions, hybridization of civilian and military networks, hosting of sensitive data, emergency communication systems, artificial intelligence, and cybersecurity — in collaboration with the Defense and Security Vertical of Orange Cyberdefense, the sector leader in France and several other European countries. It will rely on Orange Business' recognized expertise in deploying, operating, and maintaining top-tier digital infrastructures owned by Orange: the best service quality on its 5G network in France and Europe, 45,000 km of terrestrial fiber, over 2,500 satellite antennas, and 450,000 km of submarine cables. Orange Cyberdefense complements this expertise with its ability to detect, protect against and respond to cyber-attacks, supported by its Cyber Threat Intelligence.

This division will bring together expertise from various Group entities to ensure a comprehensive value chain, from technological innovation to operational maintenance, including the integration of digital solutions, security, resilience and service quality.

The leadership of this new entity has been entrusted to **Nassima Auvray, Director of Defense & Security**: *"I am proud to lead this strategic division, which brings together a multidisciplinary team of several hundred experts committed to designing sovereign, resilient, and high-value solutions for our clients and partners in the defense and security sectors. By leveraging Orange's innovation power — from advanced cybersecurity and artificial intelligence to emerging quantum*

*technologies — we are ideally positioned to meet the rapidly evolving needs of this highly specialized sector, which relies on civil solutions and contributes to building tomorrow's secure digital infrastructure."*

**Aliette Mousnier Lompré, CEO of Orange Business**, emphasizes: *"Defense and security are complex and demanding sectors that require a specialized approach, dedicated expertise, and a nuanced understanding of sovereignty and resilience issues. That's why we have decided to create the Defense & Security Division to harness Orange Business's technological strength and operational excellence in serving key actors in this expanding sector."*

### **About Orange Business**

Orange Business, the enterprise division of the Orange Group, is a leading network and digital solutions integrator, supporting clients in creating positive impact and digital business models. Its expertise in next-generation connectivity, cloud, and cybersecurity, combined with its platforms and partners, forms the foundation for companies worldwide. With 30,000 employees across 65 countries, Orange Business helps transform its clients by providing secure end-to-end digital infrastructure, placing the experience of employees, customers, and operations at the core of its strategy. Over 30,000 B2B clients worldwide trust Orange Business.

Orange is one of the world's leading telecommunications operators, with a revenue of €40.3 billion in 2024 and 291 million customers worldwide as of December 31, 2024. In February 2023, the Group introduced its strategic plan "Lead the Future," based on a new economic model guided by responsibility and efficiency. This plan relies on network excellence to strengthen Orange's leadership in service quality.

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