

## **TCS Partners with ENGIE Laborelec to Protect Critical Infrastructures against Cyber Attacks**

*Tata Consultancy Services Pairs up with the Research Center to Develop New Cyber Security Solutions for the Utilities Sector*

**BRUSSELS | MUMBAI, November 12, 2018:** [Tata Consultancy Services \(TCS\)](#), a leading global IT services, consulting, and business solutions organization, has announced a new partnership with ENGIE Laborelec, a leading utilities research center, and part of the ENGIE Group. The partnership will focus on developing new products and services for the utilities sector to deliver protection against emerging cyber security threats.

The utilities sector, which forms a critical structural component of every economy, is currently on a digital transformation journey which promises immense value creation, but also raises new risks. Operational Technology (OT) systems, which traditionally operated in silos, are increasingly connected through shared infrastructure, the cloud and Internet of Things ecosystems. While this is helping utilities move beyond the limitations of their OT, improve operational efficiency and unlock new revenue streams, it also makes them vulnerable to security breaches by malicious actors.

The collaboration between TCS and ENGIE Laborelec will bring together the expertise of two industry leaders in their respective domains to create unique value for the utilities sector. TCS has been the preferred digital transformation partner for progressive utilities across the world, and offers a comprehensive portfolio of cyber security services – advisory, assessment, implementation and management – to protect clients against emerging threats in a new interconnected environment. ENGIE Laborelec has experience working across the energy value chain: from generation, transmission and distribution to storage and end-use.

The partnership will also help prepare the industry for the European Union’s recently implemented National Infrastructure Security (NIS) Directive. The NIS Directive is the first piece of EU-wide legislation on cyber security and has special provisions for organizations providing critical services such as energy, water, and digital infrastructure.

*“ENGIE Laborelec has a unique methodology in industrial control systems cyber security which is based on more than 10 years of hands-on experience, international networking, co-operation and compliance with internationally recognized standards organizations. Together with Tata Consultancy Services, we will enhance global customer resilience and reduce the risk of emerging cyber threats against critical energy infrastructure,”* explained **Olivier Vandelaer, Director Cyber Security at ENGIE Laborelec.**

*“The Fourth Industrial Revolution presents businesses with new opportunities for growth and transformation. Utilities looking to succeed in the Business 4.0 world are creatively using technology to leverage new ecosystems and create exponential value for customers. To succeed, they must build these on a robust foundation of digital security,”* said **Satish Thiagarajan, Global Head, Cyber Security Practice, TCS.** *“Our deep experience in cyber security, built up from servicing more than 250 global customers across*

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*different industries, combined with ENGIE Laborelec's sectoral expertise, will provide utilities the cybersecurity solutions they need to protect themselves in a connected world."*

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### **About ENGIE Laborelec**

ENGIE Laborelec, an entity of the ENGIE Group, is a leading expertise and research centre in electrical power technology. Drawing on the skills of 250 highly specialised engineers and technicians, it provides operational assistance, technical consultancy and applied R&D services, and is active in the entire electricity value chain. Its services (incl. industrial cyber security) support a wide range of customers in the areas of electricity generation, transmission, distribution, storage and final use, with a particular focus on the energy transition and it's so called 3 Ds - decentralisation, decarbonisation and digitalisation. ENGIE Laborelec is a global actor with activities in more than 60 countries and offices in Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Chile and Abu Dhabi. [www.laborelec.com](http://www.laborelec.com)

### **About Tata Consultancy Services Ltd. (TCS)**

Tata Consultancy Services is an IT services, consulting and business solutions organization that has been partnering with many of the world's largest businesses in their transformation journeys for the last fifty years. TCS offers a consulting-led, cognitive powered, integrated portfolio of it, business & technology services, and engineering. This is delivered through its unique location independent agile delivery model, recognized as a benchmark of excellence in software development.

A part of the Tata group, India's largest multinational business group, TCS has over 411,000 of the world's best-trained consultants in 46 countries. The company generated consolidated revenues of US \$19.09 billion for year ended March 31, 2018 and is listed on the BSE (formerly Bombay Stock Exchange) and the NSE (National Stock Exchange) in India. TCS' proactive stance on climate change and award winning work with communities across the world have earned it a place in leading sustainability indices such as the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI), MSCI Global Sustainability Index and the FTSE4Good Emerging Index. For more information, visit us at [www.tcs.com](http://www.tcs.com).

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