



ASL Environmental Sciences Inc. and G.A. Borstad Associates Ltd. – two internationally recognized environmental technology firms based in Sidney, B.C. – announced the merger of their companies.

The merger sees the creation of a remote sensing division, ASL Borstad Remote Sensing Inc., within ASL Environmental Sciences in a move that will allow the new entity to offer an enhanced range of environmental services and products to public and private sector clients. The merger builds on combined experience in more than 35 countries with operations in environments ranging from coral reefs to deserts, from high mountains to the high Arctic.

ASL Environmental Sciences Inc. provides oceanographic, numerical modeling and ice research services and related products to government, university and the offshore oil, hydroelectric, seaports and aquaculture industries.

G. A. Borstad Associates Ltd. provides satellite and airborne remote sensing research and development, and mapping and monitoring services to the environment, fisheries, oceanography, mining and military sectors.

“We’re excited about joining our two companies. This move positions us to take advantage of increasing opportunities in an area that could broadly be described as global environmental health,” said David Fissel, president of ASL Environmental Sciences.

“Society in general – and our clients in particular – need to know what impact we are having on the environment and what impact the environment is having on us. Our merger will allow us to bring a more multi-faceted approach to our environmental assessment projects.”

Fissel and Dr. Gary Borstad, (who will direct the new ASL Borstad division and along with his partner Lorraine, join the Board of Directors of the new company), said the merger is part of a long-term plan aimed at taking advantage of growth prospects while ensuring the company remains successful.

“We’re both in strong financial positions with healthy balance sheets and sustained revenue/earnings performances,” said Borstad.

“The merger is the result of five years of strategizing to ensure that we stay that way. Our new organization is much greater than the sum of its parts, and significantly expands opportunities for both our clients and our employees. The combination of ASL’s expertise in and under the Arctic ice and Borstad’s view from space of climate-related change is unique in the global scientific consulting sector.”

The newly merged entity has a staff of 30 and additional employees are being hired to support several new contracts with major oil companies engaged in Arctic exploration. ASL Environmental Sciences is privately owned, with a formal employee share ownership plan in place. Gary and Lorraine Borstad will join the Board of Directors of the new company.

The merger is official on March 31, 2009. The new company is operating out of ASL's office in Sidney.

[Link to ASL Borstad Remote Sensing Inc.](#)

