

### NovAtel Licensed to Sell Galileo Receivers

NovAtel has received a license valid for 10 years from the European Space Agency (ESA), which allows NovAtel to sell receivers that track Galileo signals. NovAtel received this license based on its participation in the Galileo Receiver Chain (GRC) program. Recently, NovAtel announced that it was the first company outside Europe to be accepted as a Full Member of Galileo Services, a non-profit organization made up of a consortium of businesses and agencies involved with Galileo satellite system downstream technology and services.

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### Hexagon Acquires D&P Systems and Topolaser System

Hexagon has entered into an agreement to acquire all outstanding shares of the French companies D&P Systems and Topolaser System s.a.s. D&P Systems develops and supplies multidimensional systems for measuring, planning and machine control for excavators, graders, dozers and pavers. Similar to the recently acquired Svensk ByggnadsGeodesi AB (SBG), D&P Systems' main operation is software development. Topolaser's main operations are distribution of surveying and construction equipment and integration of machine guidance systems in France. The two companies combined employ 22 people today.

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### 1Spatial Build on Quality Control with OGC

1Spatial has successfully deployed an online Quality Control service as part of the Open Geospatial Consortium project OWS-4, their fourth web services testbed activity. The OWS-4 project is based on a hypothetical major disaster scenario; a toxic bomb is discovered as a container is unloaded from a ship in the New York City area. The project incorporates elements of a multi-faceted operation that requires setup of a temporary medical response facility within an existing military installation. The scenario includes the discovery and deployment of remote imaging and point in-situ sensors, the acquisition and processing of data obtained with them, and the integration of these data with other geospatial data assets.

[www.1spatial.com](http://www.1spatial.com)

### AED-SICAD Selected "Foundation Partner Award 2007"

ESRI selected its strategic partner AED-SICAD for this year's Foundation Partner Award. This prize category is awarded to ESRI partners who showed special commitment in setting up a strong, close and lasting cooperation between the companies. Partners like AED-SICAD are the foundation on which the comprehensive ESRI Partner Program is built.

[www.aed-sicad](http://www.aed-sicad)

### Bentley Acquires TDV GmbH

Bentley Systems has acquired TDV GmbH of Austria, a leading provider of structural modeling, analysis, and design software for bridge engineering serving engineers, designers, and owners. TDV's industry-leading RM 2006 product for static and dynamic design and analysis of steel, concrete, and composite structures is used by hundreds of bridge design firms worldwide.

[www.bentley.com](http://www.bentley.com)

### CREASO Signs Agreement with SARMAP

CREASO and SARMAP signed an agreement to create new solutions based on SARscape for ENVI. SARscape is a software platform for processing

of SAR data in the remote sensing field.

SARMAP is a spin-off of the University of Zurich and is now a privately held company. Core activities are algorithm, software and application developments in the domain of Earth Observation (particularly based on airborne and spaceborne Synthetic Aperture Radar) and consulting services. SARMAP's expertise include the production and analysis of high resolution 3D Digital Surface and Terrain Model and ground deformation maps as well as 2D products, such as mapping and monitoring of land cover features, agriculture and forestry anomalies.

[www.sarmap.ch](http://www.sarmap.ch)

[www.creaso.com](http://www.creaso.com)

### ESRI's GIS Selected for Analysis of Nationwide Educational Facilities in Kenya

The Ministry of Education (MOE) in Kenya has contracted Oakar Services Ltd. (OSL), ESRI's distributor in eastern Africa, to develop a geographic information system (GIS) database of the educational facilities in the country. The project, started in December 2006, is valued at US \$ 1 million, and is being funded with a grant from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

[www.esri.com](http://www.esri.com)

### Hexagon Acquires Leading US Catalogue Distribution Company

Hexagon, the parent company of Leica Geosystems, has entered into an agreement to acquire all outstanding shares of the American company Allen Precision Equipment, Inc. ([www.allenprecision.com](http://www.allenprecision.com)). Allen Precision is primarily a catalogue company that represents several major suppliers and sells surveying equipment and related supplies to engineers, surveyors, contractors and government agencies. Allen Precision had a turnover of over US \$24 million in 2006 and has shown consistent growth exceeding the USA market growth for several years. The company is based in Duluth, Georgia and employs 41 people.

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### Leica Acquires ER Mapper

Leica Geosystems Geospatial Imaging has acquired all assets of Earth Resource Mapping Ltd (ER Mapper). ER Mapper has clients around the world, with a particularly strong foothold and in Southeast Asia and Australia that, when combined with Leica Geosystems' strengths in the US, Europe and Asia Pacific markets, creates a much stronger global enterprise.

[www.gi.leica-geosystems.com](http://www.gi.leica-geosystems.com)

### Lockheed Martin Receives US\$ 6 million Contract to Add Additional GPS Signal

The U.S. Air Force has awarded Lockheed Martin a US \$ 6 million contract to develop and integrate a demonstration payload that will temporarily transmit a third civil signal on a modernized Global Positioning System Block IIR (GPS IIR-M) satellite. This new contract directs Lockheed Martin and its navigation payload supplier ITT in Clifton, N.J. to provide an on-orbit demonstration capability for the new civil signal. The signal, located on the L5 frequency (1176MHz) will comply with international radio frequency spectrum requirements. The Block IIR-M spacecraft with the demonstration payload is planned for launch in 2008. Lockheed Martin Space Systems, Valley Forge, Pa., is the prime contractor for the GPS IIR program. The company designed and built 21 IIR spacecraft for the Global Positioning Systems Wing, Space and Missile

Systems Center, Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif. The final eight spacecraft, designated Block IIR-M, were modernized to enhance operations and navigation signal performance for military and civilian GPS users around the globe. ITT supplied all 21 navigation payloads for both the IIR and IIR-M spacecraft.

[www.lmco.com](http://www.lmco.com)

### OSGeo Graduates Autodesk MapGuide Open Source to Full Project Status

MapGuide Open Source has achieved a new status within the Open Source Geospatial Foundation (OSGeo) as a fully endorsed project. Open Source is a Web-based platform that enables users to develop and publish online mapping applications and geospatial web services. During its incubation process, the project's community of more than 600 members actively engaged in development and application efforts to validate the software's functionality, viability and support. As part of the project's graduation, Robert Bray, platform software manager and architect of geospatial solutions at Autodesk, has assumed the role of OSGeo vice-president – MapGuide Open Source. With more than 25,000 downloads in its first year and an average of four to five thousand downloads per month in 2007, the software is already being embraced by the geospatial open source community. To date, MapGuide Open Source has had three version releases, with the most recent update in January 2007 adding direct support of KML files for Google Earth mapping service. In addition to MapGuide Open Source, Autodesk contributed its Feature Data Object (FDO) data access technology as an open source project to OSGeo. Autodesk is also a sustaining sponsor of OSGeo, further showing their support of the open source community. For more information about MapGuide Open Source, visit <http://mapguide.osgeo.org/>.

[www.autodesk.com](http://www.autodesk.com)

### Poland Chooses Trimble Technology to Establish its Nationwide GNSS Infrastructure Network

Trimble has been chosen by the Polish National Office of Geodesy and Cartography, GUGIK, to supply 78 Continuous Operating Reference Station (CORS) receivers and Trimble VRS (Virtual Reference Station) technology to establish a nationwide Global Satellite Navigation Positioning System (GNSS) infrastructure network for the country of Poland. The Trimble VRS network will provide a geospatial infrastructure for surveying, engineering and Geographic Information System (GIS) professionals that enables high accuracy real-time kinematic (RTK) GNSS positioning without the need of separate base stations or software, significantly increasing efficiency and productivity.

[www.gugik.gov.pl](http://www.gugik.gov.pl)

[www.trimble.com](http://www.trimble.com)

### ArcGIS Image Server Now Included in ESRI Developer Network Program

ArcGIS Image Server, a server-based solution that provides fast access and visualization of large quantities of file-based imagery processed on the fly and on demand, has been added to the suite of software provided to ESRI Developer Network (EDN) subscribers. Both ArcGIS Image Server extensions, Orthorectification and Seamline are also included. For more information on the ESRI Developer Network, visit [www.esri.com/edn](http://www.esri.com/edn).

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### CARIS Selected for Brunei US\$ 6.2 Million NSDI Project

Brunei Darussalam has awarded a US \$ 6.3 million project for delivery of the country's National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI). Through the project, geomatics software company CARIS will deliver its spatial database and web-mapping technology. The primary contractor for the project is Selective Powertech Consulting of Brunei Darussalam, which has a specialization in information and communications technology consultation and implementation for e-government.

[www.caris.com](http://www.caris.com)

### GeoEye and East-Dawn of China Partner

GeoEye has partnered with the East-Dawn Group, a privately held company based in Beijing, China to provide satellite imagery and value-added products in China. To implement this, the East Dawn Group has formed a new company, Beijing Earth Observation (BEO). BEO, also headquartered in Beijing, will focus on the resale of satellite imagery and value-added products. Under terms of the agreement and subject to U.S. Government approval, BEO will be GeoEye's exclusive Master Reseller in China and will have access to GeoEye's archive of more than 278 million square kilometers of map-accurate satellite imagery. GeoEye will appoint two directors to BEO's board to gain a better understanding of the market and provide strategic advice to the company. A ceremony marking this new relationship was held in Beijing on April 19, 2007.

[www.geoeye.com](http://www.geoeye.com)

### GITA Announces Partnership with INTERGEO

GITA has established a new partnership with the organizers of the INTERGEO Conference, which this year will take place Sept. 25-27, 2007, in Leipzig, Germany. GITA will work with the German Association of Surveying (DVW) on an International Exhibitor Trade Mission to help their respective exhibitors build or enhance their presence in the European market. GITA's corporate members/exhibitors will be offered special exhibit packages at INTERGEO, and European exhibitors from INTERGEO will receive the same for GITA's Annual Conference 31, which will take place March 9-12, 2008, in Seattle, Wash.

[www.gita.org](http://www.gita.org)

### Greece Selects Trimble to Build Nationwide GNSS Infrastructure Network

Trimble has been selected by the Greek National Cadastre, KTIMATOLOGIO S.A., to supply Trimble VRS network hardware and software to establish a nationwide Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) infrastructure network for the country of Greece. Trimble will also provide complete network set up, deployment and operation during the initial start-up period. The Trimble VRS network will provide a fixed geospatial infrastructure for surveying, engineering and Geographic Information System (GIS) professionals that enables high accuracy real-time kinematic (RTK) GNSS positioning, significantly increasing efficiency and productivity.

[www.trimble.com](http://www.trimble.com)

### Indonesian Government Partners With DigitalGlobe to Visually Identify Taxable Property

DigitalGlobe announced a partnership with the Indonesian Directorate of Property Tax (PBB) and Ministry of Finance. DigitalGlobe's QuickBird satellite imagery will facilitate visual identification of taxable land, to help the Indonesian government properly classify and categorize property. The partnership

highlights DigitalGlobe's role as a versatile business solution in both the public and private sector.

[www.digitalglobe.com](http://www.digitalglobe.com)

### Intermap Reports Revenue Growth in Q1

Intermap Technologies reported financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2007. For the first quarter, Intermap reported an increase in total revenue to US \$ 6.2 million, as compared to total revenue of US \$ 2.1 million for the same period in 2006. For the first quarter of 2007, Intermap reported a net loss of US \$ 2.8 million to a net loss of US \$ 2.7 million for the same period in 2006.

[www.intermap.com](http://www.intermap.com)

### Leica Geosystems Geospatial Imaging Acquires Acquis Technology

Leica Geosystems Geospatial Imaging has acquired the technology assets of Acquis, Inc., a leader in the development of web-based data editing software for Oracle Spatial. Leica Geosystems will use this technology to provide enterprise functionality on the Oracle Spatial database. In addition, key personnel from Acquis will join Leica's enterprise efforts. Acquis brings a combination of mobile and web enterprise tools and services for a variety of user solutions including spatial database editing tools, Oracle Spatial data management expertise, solution design and implementation services.

[www.gi.leica-geosystems.com](http://www.gi.leica-geosystems.com)

### Leica Geosystems Supports African AFREF Project

The African Geodetic Reference Frame (AFREF) is conceived as a unified geodetic reference frame for Africa - the fundamental basis for the national and regional reference networks. In March, the first permanent GNSS reference station was launched in Kenya. Leica Geosystems supports the project with its knowledge, as well as via donation of a complete system. Currently, African countries each maintain their own geodetic reference system. In the past, this resulted in mismatched maps at national borders or even in the same country; in Kenya alone there are currently two different mapping coordinate systems in use. The African Geodetic Reference Frame (AFREF) shall build a fundamental basis for a continent-wide reference network system, consisting of permanent Global Navigational Satellite Systems (GNSS) stations. The goal is to provide users free access to GNSS data and products, with a maximum distance of 500 km from the next reference station - anywhere in Africa.

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### MDA Acquires Vexcel Canada from Microsoft Corporation

MDA has acquired Vexcel Canada Inc. Financial terms will not be disclosed. Founded in 1981, Vexcel Canada is based in Ottawa, Ontario, and specializes in providing advanced products and services using the latest radar image data sources. The company is a subsidiary of Vexcel U.S. that was acquired by Microsoft in 2006.

[www.mdacorporation.com](http://www.mdacorporation.com)

[www.vexcel.com](http://www.vexcel.com)

### HAL – Infotech Joint Venture to Offer Engineering Services to Aerospace Sector

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and Infotech Enterprises Limited (IEL) have formed a joint venture company to offer engineering design services for the aerospace sector. The joint venture, an independent business entity, will mainly focus on aerodynamics, technical publications and anticipated work

from various OEMs under the offset programs. HAL and Infotech Enterprises would be equal partners in this venture.

[www.hal-india.com](http://www.hal-india.com)

[www.infotechsw.com](http://www.infotechsw.com)

### 1Spatial and QC Data Offer Solution for UK and Irish Utilities

1Spatial and QC Data announced a partnership to provide an innovative data quality solution for the UK and Irish utilities marketplace. The partnership unites industry knowledge, technical expertise and innovative technology to deliver a combined software and services solution for data quality auditing and improvement. Utility organisations working in gas, electricity, water or telecommunications in the UK and Ireland can now take advantage of this pioneering approach. For more information on the Asset Conformance Analysis (ACA) service, visit:

[www.1spatial.com/solutions/industries/utilities/aca.php](http://www.1spatial.com/solutions/industries/utilities/aca.php)

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### Hexagon Acquires Jigsaw Technologies

Hexagon has entered into an agreement to acquire all outstanding shares of Jigsaw Technologies in Tucson, Arizona, USA. Jigsaw develops and supplies software for fleet management, the largest area of the measurement technologies market segment machine control for mining. The company's products are used mainly for coal or mineral open pit mining. Jigsaw was founded in year 2004 and today employs 17 people. The business has developed tremendously. Net sales for 2007 are expected to reach more than 9 Million US \$.

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### NovAtel Expands and Reorganizes Senior Team

NovAtel appointed Colin Maclellan into the newly created position of Vice President and General Manager. NovAtel executives Farlin Halsey and Graham Purves will be taking on new roles. Mr. Halsey, previously Vice President, Marketing, has been appointed Vice President, Corporate Strategy and Alliances. Mr. Purves, previously Vice President, OEM Sales, has been appointed Vice President, Sales and Marketing.

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### Infoterra Leads European Mapping Project for EEA

A European service provider network led by Infoterra GmbH will map built-up areas and soil sealing for Europe. By 2008, the consortium will cover 5.8 mio square kilometres at 20 m resolution for the reference year of 2006. This challenging project has recently been awarded by the European Environment Agency (EEA) as one of the first seamless pan-European geo-information services within the GMES (Global Monitoring for Environment and Security) initiative of the European Commission (EC) and the European Space Agency (ESA). The service provider network consists of GeoVille GmbH (Austria), GISAT s.r.o. (Czech Republic), Metria (Sweden), Planetek Italia srl. (Italy), Tragsatec SA (Spain), and Infoterra GmbH (Germany), gathering essential expertise from all over Europe.

[www.infoterra.de](http://www.infoterra.de)