

Euromap GmbH Introduces IRS-P6 RESOURCESAT-1: A New Generation of Indian Earth Observation Satellites

Neustrelitz, November 15, 2004: Euromap GmbH, a wholly owned subsidiary of GAF AG and the DFD installation at Neustrelitz of the German Aerospace Centre (DLR) have started receiving data from the new Indian Remote Sensing Satellite, IRS-P6 Resourcesat-1. The Indian constellation of EO satellites is marketed through ANTRIX, the commercial arm of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Space Imaging, which has obtained international commercial rights. Euromap has entered into an agreement with Antrix and SI to receive and distribute Resourcesat-1 data collected over Europe and North Africa.

Euromap represents the only IRS-P6 receiving and distribution facility in Europe. The latest agreement marks the continuation of a successful cooperative campaign between the German Aerospace Centre (DLR) and Euromap which started in 1996 with the reception of IRS1C and 1D.

The IRS Resourcesat-1 (IRS-P6) was successfully launched into sun synchronous orbit on October 17, 2003 with a planned mission life of five years. The IRS-P6 continues the high quality service provided by IRS-1C/D but with vastly enhanced data quality delivered by three improved multi-spectral cameras. IRS-P6 data will be acquired by a world-wide network of ground stations. The initial station in India at Shadnagar is now complemented by the Neustrelitz ground station as part of a world wide network for the reception of operational IRS-P6 data.

A solid state recorder on board the P6 satellite ensures global coverage while the unique combination of swath width, radiometric, spatial resolution and timely delivery allows the IRS-P6 sensors to address a full range of user requirements.

In recent comments, Dr. Rupert Haydn, CEO of GAF AG and Managing Director of Euromap GmbH stated: 'The high performance of the IRS-P6 sensors will continue the success of IRS-1C/D services and develop new markets for EO data.' Dr. Haydn continues: 'IRS-P6 data are truly optimal and complement existing EO systems filling the gap created by the failure of Landsat ETM.'

About Euromap: www.euromap.de

Euromap Satellitendaten-Vertriebsgesellschaft mbH was founded in 1996 as a 100% owned subsidiary of GAF AG creating an efficient commercial structure to receive, archive and market satellite Earth Observation data in Germany. Experience and expertise in data reception and processing is optimally combined with marketing and distribution activities – providing the essential conditions for supporting a growing user-market in remote sensing data. Euromap GmbH is located in Neustrelitz, Germany with Dr. Rupert Haydn as CEO.

About GAF AG: www.gaf.de

GAF AG is an internationally recognized company with leading competence and expertise in the development of products and services for applied remote sensing and spatial information systems. GAF AG offers a broad spectrum of applications including the procurement of geo-data e.g. satellite and aerial photography data; value added processing and software (applications) development delivering customized technical assistance projects and state-of-the-art information systems. GAF AG's activities are managed by Dr. Rupert Haydn.

About DFD: www.caf.dlr.de/caf/institut/dfd/

The German Remote Sensing Data Center (DFD) is an institute of the German Aerospace Center (DLR). Together with the Remote Sensing Technology Institute (IMF), it comprises DLR's Applied Remote Sensing Cluster concentrating DLR's activities related to Earth Observation from satellites and aircraft. DFD focuses on the reception, archiving, distribution and utilization of data. In addition to applied research, DFD has expertise in the development and operational performance of IT systems.

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