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Remotely Sensed Ground Control: Geospatial technology partnership

October 25, 2011 (Centennial, CO) – [CompassData](#) and [Infoterra GmbH](#), the German part of Astrium GEO-Information Services, have solidified their business partnership with a formal agreement authorizing CompassData as the provider of Remotely Sensed Ground Control Points (RSGCP™) obtained through the high-resolution radar satellite TerraSAR-X.

The leaders of each company, W. Brant Howard, CEO of CompassData, and Dr. Vark Helfritz, Managing Director of Infoterra, signed the new three-year agreement last week at [GEOINT](#), a conference dedicated to Geospatial Intelligence.

CompassData and Infoterra introduced the technology at the 2010 GEOINT symposium. In the year since, the companies conducted accuracy checks and other tests to verify the capabilities of TerraSAR-X, and CompassData has produced a white paper on the research.

"Over the past year, CompassData has qualified and vetted this new technology, and we're very excited that with RSGCPs, we can provide photoidentifiable Ground Control anywhere on the globe," said Howard.

CompassData provides the world's largest commercially available ground control data set, with more than 17,000 Ground Control Points (GCP) in a downloadable format through the company's archive. Also offering GPS field data collection worldwide, Human Geography and imagery QA/QC, CompassData is globally recognized for its consistent, accurate deliverables.

"With this agreement formalized with Infoterra, we now confidently offer RSGCPs to meet any customers' specifications. We can tailor the Control for the appropriate precision level of their imagery," Howard said. "This is a terrific benefit for photogrammetrists around the world or anyone needing accurate ground control for parts of the world that are impossible or dangerous for humans to get to."

For more information, visit www.CompassDataInc.com/sensed.htm, and www.CompassDataInc.com/infoterra.htm.

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About CompassData

CompassData® is the world's foremost supplier of GPS-based ground control survey data, maintaining the largest commercially available archive of Ground Control Points (GCP). Continuously adding to its more than 17,000 GCP, CompassData provides accurate geospatial data

and collection services for clients in a partnership model. CompassData is the home of the Control Freaks®, famous for their worldwide data collection capability and their mission to map the world. A Woman-Owned Small Business, registered on the CCR, CompassData delivers value by providing accurate geospatial data and collection services on time and within budget. Call 303-627-4058 or visit www.compassdatainc.com.

About Astrium GEO-Information Services - Infoterra GmbH

Astrium's GEO-Information Services Division is one of the leading providers of geo-information products and services for managing the development, environment and security of the changing world. A part of this Division, the German Infoterra GmbH holds the exclusive commercial exploitation rights for the German radar satellite TerraSAR-X, enabling the company to provide weather-independent, high-resolution radar data of a new quality, as well as reliable data access services.