

Space Imaging Middle East signs a cooperation agreement with Khatib&Alami at the ESRI user conference

Dubai December 8, 2004: Space Imaging Middle East (SIME) signed today a cooperation agreement with Khatib&Alami (K&A), the leading multidisciplinary architectural and engineering consulting company in the region with long-term expertise in GIS.

This agreement will enable SIME to add specialized GIS solutions to the market place, which consists of satellite and aerial based imagery, digital maps, and GIS solutions for hosting and publishing data. “The cooperation will give us access to a K&A long term expertise in the field of GIS and will enable us to provide our clients with specialized GIS solutions” said Mohamed El Kadi, Managing Director, SIME.

Through this agreement SIME will become K&A’s preferred provider of imagery and related products. Capitalizing on its recent partnership with Sanborn Inc., one of North America leading companies in the field of aerial photography, SIME will also offer K&A the latest in lidar and digital aerial imagery. On this, Faisal Alami, Finance and Development Director, K&A commented: “As consultants and solution providers handling large-scale projects in the region we have several mapping requirements for which we need a reliable partner who can deliver to us flawless satellite and aerial imagery and related products in a timely manner” .He added “The satellite and aerial imagery that SIME offers will enable us to generate maps with different scales”. SIME base maps extracted from satellite and aerial imagery are used in K&A various GIS and consultancy projects.

“Our cooperation with K&A along with our partnership with Sanborn Inc. in the US will create a synergistic effect and will enable us to enhance our offering to the regional marketplace” said El Kadi. He added: “Today, due to our partnerships we can provide the full range of data, the complete geo-spatial solution, and integration”.

In addition to Sanborn Inc., SIME technology network includes some of the most prestigious names in the regional and global market. In Europe SIME has teamed up with DLR, the German Aerospace center to operate a ground station and provide large scale hosting & delivery systems and with GAF AG of Munich to provide in depth remote sensing studies and researches. In Asia, SIME has entered in a technical partnership with Mappoint Asia of Thailand the provider of vehicle tracking and fleet management systems. Benefiting from this extensive network, SIME acts as a platform that introduces the latest GIS innovations to the region, and translates them to usable Geospatial solutions integrated into client systems.

The framework of cooperation also involves several activities to raise the overall GIS awareness and promote the industry in the region.

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About Space Imaging Middle East

Space Imaging Middle East was established in Dubai year 1997, as a result of a joint venture between Space Imaging Inc., of Denver, Colorado and a group of UAE investors. The company was the first to introduce IRS Imagery to the region and the first to task and collect IKONOS data through a local ground station. Throughout the years SIME has developed its products and services offering to include: multi-source satellite and aerial imagery, total GIS solutions, comprehensive training curriculum, and a wide range of imagery derived products and services. SIME geographic scope covers the Middle East, East Africa, the Gulf and Central Asia. SIME has ventured in Europe by setting up its wholly owned subsidiary "European Space Imaging " in Germany to task and collect imagery for Europe and North Africa.

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About Khatib&Alami

K&A started its consulting services in Lebanon in 1963 and extended the areas of its professional activities in accordance with the growth of its experience, and its human and financial resources. The company, its affiliated partnerships and companies operate in various countries including Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Sultanate of Oman, Qatar, Kingdom of Bahrain, Kuwait, Jordan, Palestine, Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, Libya, Tunisia, Sudan, Syria, Yemen, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan and USA. K&A employs over 1300 engineers, technicians, and administrators. Since 1984 K&A has continuously ranked among the top 100 International Design firms as published by the Engineering News Record (ENR). Khatib & Alami has also obtained the ISO 9001-2000 certification for its Quality Management System.

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