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SOAR ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH CHINA SIWEI

Digital mapping and imagery company **Soar** has announced a strategic partnership with the **China Siwei Surveying and Mapping Technology corporation**, which falls under the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation (CASC). Soar, which already provides its end-users unlimited access to 10-meter and 30-meter resolution imagery via the European Space Agency's Sentinel and NASA's Landsat feeds, will now have

access to two additional data streams capable of displaying imagery at an incredibly high resolution of 0.5 meter and 0.8 meters per pixel via the SuperView and Gaofen satellites, respectively. The partnership comes as significant news for China Siwei, as it showcases the company's ability to partner with an international, hypergrowth, tech start-up — such as Soar — which otherwise would have been beyond reach. www.soar.earth

FUGRO ENTERS THE SOUTH KOREAN OFFSHORE WIND FARM MARKET

Fugro has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with **Underwater Survey Technology 21** (UST21) in a move that opens up the South Korean offshore wind farm market. Growing demand for alternative energy sources has led South Korea to explore its potential for wind energy, and Fugro's global experience on over 100 offshore wind farm projects will be key to realising South Korea's offshore wind farm ambitions. The agreement with UST21 will facilitate collaboration on marine projects in South

Korean waters, whereby Fugro will expand UST21's local hydrography capacity to provide site characterisation services, including geotechnical, geophysical and offshore metocean solutions. In return, UST21's local hydrographic expertise will provide logistical and operational support to Fugro's offshore metocean projects. For example, in conjunction with UST21, Fugro will shortly deploy several Seawatch Wind LiDAR buoys offshore South Korea to perform vital wind resource assessments. www.fugro.com



TERRA DRONE CONDUCTS 160M CHIMNEY INSPECTION AT THERMAL POWER PLANT IN JAPAN

Industrial drone solutions provider **Terra Drone Corporation** has successfully demonstrated its non-destructive testing (NDT) capabilities by inspecting a 160-meter chimney at a thermal power plant in Japan. The chimney inspection was conducted using ultrasonic testing (UT) drone developed by Terra Drone group company **Terra Inspectioneering**, a provider of wireless inspection of industrial, hazardous, and enclosed spaces. By using Terra Inspectioneering's UT drone, the power company was able to

eliminate the need for scaffolding assembly and removal and shorten the inspection time greatly. Leveraging unmanned robotics not only allowed the power company to save on labour costs but the company also managed to curtail losses that it would have incurred by facility shutdown for extended periods. The data acquired in the inspection enabled further reduction by allowing the company to formulate comprehensive chimney maintenance plans. www.terra-drone.net





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