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4EI Announces New UAE Managing Director, Allyson Jenkins



Ambitious expansion plans at 4EI, designed to meet market expectations and requirements going forward, has led to the appointment of a new Managing Director in the UAE, **Allyson Jenkins**, whose expertise in the industry promises to strengthen their presence in the fast-growing region. Allyson is recognised as one of the **leading remote sensing experts in the Middle East**, making her the obvious choice to lead the 4EI vision within the UAE. Her new role as Managing Director allows Allyson to apply her strengths to support Middle Eastern organisations to achieve their strategic objectives for innovation in a range of domains, from environmental sustainability to critical infrastructure mapping and monitoring. www.4earthintelligence.com

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MARSS Appoints Andrew Forbes to Lead New Arabian Office



MARSS Group announced it has appointed Andrew Forbes as the Managing Director of the company's newly created headquarters in Riyadh. In this newly created position, Andrew will work to drive new business and further develop the company's presence in the region. Andrew served a long and distinguished career in the **British Army**, with **26 years** in the Royal Corps of Signals. During this time, he served multiple deployments in **Afghanistan** and **Iraq**, achieving an MBE for his work in 2004. In 2009, he returned to civilian life and continued building on his already impressive credentials with a series of roles in military organisations and the defence sector – including NATO. www.marss.com

AWARD

1Spatial Awarded Safe Software's Partner Award of Excellence



1Spatial, a global provider of Location Master Data Management (LMDM) software, solutions and business applications, was awarded Safe Software's **Partner Award of Excellence Global Alliance'** award at this year's online **Partner Summit**. This award recognises 1Spatial as a key collaborative partner working across the global business positively and effectively with **Safe Software** to promote the capabilities of **FME**. The global FME Division at 1Spatial have seen significant growth in the past year in the demand for FME as a solution to their customer's data integration challenges. The provision of **FME Cloud** as a managed service along with Safe's new commercial subscription options have been part of this success. www.1spatial.com

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USGIF Appoints New Vice President of Programs



The United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation (USGIF) has selected **Christy Monaco** to serve as Vice President of Programs. USGIF is a non-profit educational foundation for advancing the geospatial intelligence (GEOINT) tradecraft to address global security challenges. A 30-year veteran of the intelligence community and Department of Defence, Monaco most recently served as the **Chief Ventures Officer (CVO)** at the **National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (NGA)**. She brings a breadth of experience from prior service in human intelligence, program and financial management, customer experience and corporate communications at NGA, the Defense Intelligence Agency, and the Office of Naval Intelligence. www.usgif.org

AWARD

Charles Heazel receives OGC's 2020 Gardels Award



At the December Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC) Member Meeting, held virtually, Charles "Chuck" Heazel was presented the OGC's prestigious Kenneth D. Gardels Award. The Gardels Award is presented each year to an individual who has made an **outstanding contribution** to advancing OGC's vision of fully integrating geospatial information into the world's information systems. Chuck Heazel was selected because of his broad work in **building consensus on standardization approaches** by working on multiple efforts with deep technical expertise and excellent coordination amongst stakeholders. A member of the nominating committee noted that Chuck was "clearly at the top of the list on the basis of his contributions and particularly recent hard work and clear thinking on APIs." www.ogc.org

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KOREC expands UK rail team



KOREC, Trimble's UK and Irish distributor for track surveying and measurement solutions, has expanded its dedicated rail team with the appointment of **Ric Kirman** in the newly created role of **KOREC Rail Business Area Manager**. With a rail career that began over fifteen years ago, Ric has established his reputation as a specialist in the provision of advanced technical solutions with a range of roles that began in Signalling and Operations with **Network Rail** and more recently, has included working closely with the rail industry to focus on customer relationships. www.korecgroup.com