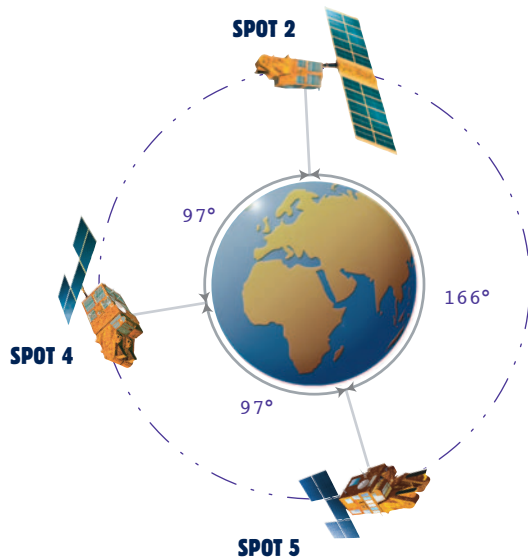


NEW RECEIVING STATIONS KEEPING SPOT 4 BUSY!

Station special issue



Spot Image continues to expand its global network of receiving stations, largely thanks to SPOT 4. The still-young satellite is in excellent health and ideally suited to meet market requirements and fill gaps left by Landsat. Spot Image fully intends to confirm its successes in 2006.

The SPOT receiving station network just keeps on growing,

to the extent that business generated by sales of infrastructures and telemetry now accounts for nearly 45% of Spot Image's revenues. Today, customers increasingly want ground stations to receive satellite data locally—a requirement that SPOT's sophisticated, multi-target tasking capability is well suited to meet.

Alongside the continued success of SPOT 5, 2005 witnessed a resurgence in demand for direct reception of data from SPOT 4, which is also benefiting from setbacks on the two U.S. Landsat 5 and Landsat 7 satellites. Spot Image fully intends to sustain this momentum and expects this year to consolidate its position as a multi-sensor data supplier. It already offers the ability to receive data from the European Space

Agency's ERS and Envisat satellites, from the Taiwan National Space Organization's FORMOSAT-2 and is set to introduce reception of very-high-resolution data from KOMPSAT-2 in the coming months. At the same time, Spot Image is gearing up for the Pleiades VHR programme, which will comprise two highly agile satellites able to collect imagery daily from any point on the globe. ■

NEW SIRIUS ONLINE



In June, Spot Image will be rolling out its new Sirius Online catalogue.

More comprehensive and user friendly than the current Sirius catalogue which it will replace, Sirius Online will also offer new services: new search, display and save features, the ability to integrate zones of interest delineated with mapping software, display quick-looks directly on a basemap, estimate the number of scene acquisitions needed for a ZOI and generate alerts to monitor new acquisitions. Sirius Online is designed to make searching and accessing information quicker and easier for users, responding to the needs and expectations expressed by our customers in a recent survey.

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The team at the Pare-Pare receiving station, Sulawesi, Indonesia

INDONESIA READY TO RECEIVE SPOT 4 ... WHILE WAITING FOR SPOT 5

Indonesia has operated a telemetry receiving station for many years, where it received data from SPOT 1 and SPOT 2 some time ago. This year, it will be commissioning an upgraded receiving station compatible with SPOT 4 at its Pare-Pare site in Sulawesi. In November last year, the Indonesian space agency LAPAN signed a three-year SPOT 4 data reception agreement. Here again, SPOT 4 combines all the advantages the customer is seeking. Its wide-area coverage, excellent viewing geometry and availability, its ability to serve multiple applications and the quality of Spot Image's satellite programming service all fit LAPAN's requirements. The agency needs a flexible and effective tool to accomplish its missions, which include monitoring Indonesia's environment, inventorying its vast tracts of forest, evaluating natural hazards and mapping national territory. SPOT 4 could also play a role in coastal surveillance missions. LAPAN started using SPOT data in 2005 via virtual

telemetry reception and delivery of level 1A products within the future station's receiving footprint. The station already has a new X-band antenna and is now taking delivery of a new demodulator and SPOT 4 terminal designed by EADS with in-built upgradeability to receive telemetry from SPOT 5 in the future. To all intents and purposes, Spot Image is consolidating its position on the Asian continent and particularly in Southeast Asia, where many receiving stations are already operating. ■

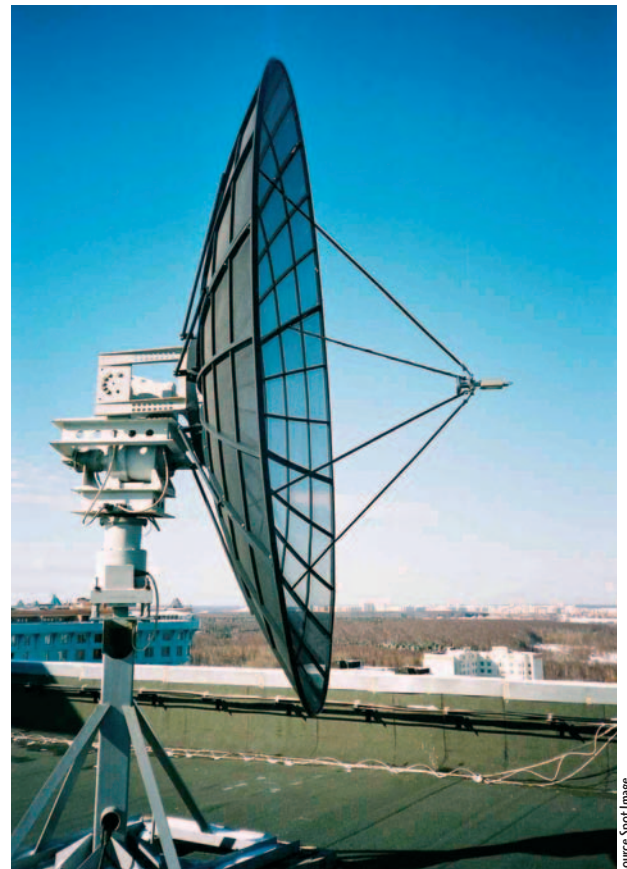
FIRST STATION IN NORTH AFRICA

Egypt is set to operate the first-ever SPOT receiving station in North Africa, a major event in a continent often seen as the "poor relation" of satellite remote sensing. The continuing interest shown by officials at NARSS led to the signing end September 2005 of a SPOT 4 data reception agreement. An antenna was recently installed at its Assouan site where initial telemetry reception tests have begun. SPOT 4 data will give the Egyptian authorities vital information to better assess the nation's natural heritage, particularly its water resources. Egypt needs to detect new groundwater resources. With SPOT 4 data, NARSS is also looking to mitigate natural hazards and to plan and manage land use and the environment more effectively. ■

SPOT 4 TERMINAL MADE IN RUSSIA

Spot Image has instituted a new partnership model in Russia with ScanEx, a Moscow-based firm that designs and builds Earth observation satellite receiving stations. ScanEx has developed its own SPOT 4 terminal, which Spot Image helped to validate. Russia's Earth observation data needs are enormous, but although it has many of its own antennas it is not able to acquire foreign terminals easily. Spot Image therefore decided to offer its support. Ten Russian organizations have now expressed an interest in acquiring the new terminal that ScanEx is proposing. End 2005, receiving stations in Moscow, Irkutsk, Anadyr and Tjumen signed a cooperation agreement allowing them to acquire imagery in their visibility circle (approx. 20 million km²). Through this partnership with ScanEx, Spot Image is pursuing the opportunity to organize efficient direct reception of imagery from the SPOT 4 satellite for the Russian market through a single channel. ■

ScanEx antenna in Russia



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