



Another Holiday Season is upon us! From our family to yours, we wish you all a relaxing and joyous time...and all the best for the coming new year!

Preparing a flight plan...



We are confident that RapidEye's Products and Services can help just about ANYONE!



Case Study: Crop Insurance Solutions

As an ongoing series, RapidEye will keep you informed each quarter of how our service business provides solutions to customers worldwide...

Germany's largest agricultural insurance company, Vereinigte Hagel, made the decision this year to provide crop insurance in Lithuania, and RapidEye helped to make this transition a success.

RapidEye is a long-term partner with Vereinigte Hagel, developing and implementing advanced geo-information based agro-insurance solutions. When asked to collaborate on the Lithuanian project to come up with an innovative IT solution, our software and data base experts were up to the challenge.

"We are extremely proud of our staff who worked side by side with people from Vereinigte Hagel, The Lithuanian Agri-Information and Rural Business Centre (VIC) and Munich RE to realize a very complex system in such a short time", reported RapidEye's Head of Product Development Dr. Frederik Jung-Rothenhäusler.

With the system elements RapidEye has developed, farmers in Lithuania can now apply for crop insurance or make claims on their policies entirely online.

Vereinigte Hagel will then use the information this system garners in a web-based Management GIS (Geo-Information-System) tool giving them an overview of multi-regional crop insurance risks within Lithuania.



We're Going Places!



RapidEye will be on the road in the next few months at the following Conferences and Events:

Jan. 21-24: Defence Geoinformation Conference (DGI), U.K.
Jan. 30-Feb. 2: CIRB Annual Crop Insurance Conference, U.S.
February 3-6: NCIS Annual Crop Insurance Convention, U.S.
February 12-14: World Ag Expo, U.S.

Please visit our website for more information about the above events, and to see additional appearances we will be making throughout 2008!



Preliminary Acceptance Review Complete

The RapidEye space segment passed its Preliminary Acceptance Review in mid November in Surrey, UK.

Members from RapidEye's management and Operations team met with a team from MDA (MacDonald, Dettwiler and Associates, Ltd.) at SSTL (Surrey Satellite Technology, Ltd.) where spacecraft assembly, integration and testing activities are being conducted.

The review covered the preliminary acceptance of the last two of the five satellites and the Satellite Control Center. Additionally, many of the activities conducted in the past months were reviewed, including a number of end-to-end system verifications.

Currently, one of the subsystems of the RapidEye satellite constellation is being modified to to an operational issue observed on an active satellite using an identical subsystem. Implementation of this change is progressing as planned.



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The long anticipated launch of the RapidEye satellite system is targeted for the second quarter of 2008, allowing for commercial operations by summer.