

## Editorial

Spring brings with it a feeling of renewal, and everyone at RapidEye is enthusiastic as we move into an exciting time of growth and change as a company.

Our staff has been expanding these first few months, bringing with them experience and know-how from many different backgrounds to assist in the several projects we are currently involved in. We have selected a few of these projects to share here, keeping you current on our recent progress.

As we anticipate the launch of our satellite system during the fourth quarter this year, we also look forward to delivering more news of our activities and successes as 2007 unfolds.

Your RapidEye Team

## System Testing Is In Full Swing!

We are pleased to announce excellent progress in the procurement of our system: Most of the assembly work is completed and testing is underway across the entire system!

On the satellite side three of our five satellites are fully assembled and are undergoing a rigorous set of functional and environmental tests. The first satellite has already completed the vibration, shock and electromagnetic compatibility tests. The other two are following right behind. The last two satellites are expected to be ready for testing in June.

The ground segment has been delivered earlier this year by MDA Corporation at RapidEye's premises in Brandenburg. Acceptance tests for both the Satellite Control Center and the Data Management System have been successfully completed. Integration with the RapidEye provided subsystems is currently being performed by a combined RapidEye/MDA team.

## Grant Monies Awarded RapidEye

In April, PrecisionCropManagement, LLC, Montana, and RapidEye AG have been given a grant to develop a remote sensing program to optimize grain production and quality. The Montana Agriculture Development Council awarded grants to 14 individual projects, including RapidEye's, for agricultural development.



Day 1

Day 2

Day 3

Day 4

Day 5

RapidEye covers the Area of Montana within 5 Days

## RapidEye Joins DeSecure

DeSecure was initiated by the German Space Agency (DLR) to improve crisis management through the use of satellite imagery. RapidEye's system will contribute by shortening response time in catastrophes such as earthquakes or hurricanes because of our ability to task, download and acquire imagery very quickly following a natural disaster event. DeSecure is a research project partially funded by the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology through the DLR. We look forward to working with the DeSecure Team to accelerate response time for the delivery of geospatial solutions for areas hit by unfortunate circumstances.