

[Press Release]

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Tokyo Spot Image K.K. joins PASCO Group

Acquisition of general distributorship for Airbus Defence and Space Geo-Intelligence Program Line products within Japan, and direct access right of tasking data for SPOT 6/7, optical satellites with unparalleled global observation capability

PASCO CORPORATION (Headquarter: Meguro-ku, Tokyo, Japan, CEO: Yuji Mesaki, hereinafter PASCO) acquired all issued stocks of Tokyo Spot Image K.K. from Airbus DS GEO S.A., which deals with French satellites and provides satellite imageries as the Geo-Intelligence Program Line of Airbus Defence and Space.

PASCO has contracted the general distribution right of all Geo-Intelligence products provided by Airbus Defence and Space and data distribution right of the satellites SPOT 6/7, which have the world's highest capability of global observation, within Japan. It is made possible to access the global satellite data of SPOT 6/7 directly at PASCO's ground stations (located in Hokkaido and Okinawa). PASCO is going to launch these services in coming January of 2015.

Tokyo Spot Image K.K.

Established in December, 2002, Tokyo Spot Image K.K. provided all products from the Geo-Intelligence Program Line of Airbus Defence and Space for the Japanese market. After joining PASCO Group, it will be operated under the following profile:

Company Name : Satellite Image Marketing Corporation

CEO : Ms. Yoko Tamura

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1-26-2 Nishi-Shinjuku, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, Japan

Business Description : Consultation and provision of data products based on satellite imageries.

*Detailed company profile will be updated on the website.

PASCO Group

Under the general distribution contracts, PASCO will be providing within Japan the following products from January, 2015:

[Satellite Imageries]

SPOT 1 to 4, SPOT 5, SPOT 6/7, Pléiades 1A/1B, DEIMOS-1, FORMOSAT-2, TerraSAR-X, TanDEM-X.

[Base Map]

SPOTMaps, GEO Elevation, WorldDEM™, Global Seeps

[Platforms and Software]

I4D, Pixel Factory, Street Factory, SAFE Command, Cloud Services, GO Monitor

*PASCO is a distributor for following products under previous contracts.

TerraSAR-X, TanDEM-X, Pléiades 1A/1B, Pixel Factory

SPOT 6/7

SPOT 6/7 are a constellation system of optical satellites, developed by self-investment of Airbus Defence and Space, making use of their plentiful experience from the management of SPOT 1 to 5 with CNES. Launched respectively in September 2012, and June 2013, both SPOT 6 and 7 are in full operation with capacity to collaborate with the Pléiades constellation system to operate as a 4 satellite constellation of optical earth observation.

*About "Optical Satellites Constellation System"

A system consisting of multiple satellites in orbit, as compared to a single satellite system, and demonstrates a higher observation capability.

PASCO's Satellite Business

After the Sumatra earthquake and tsunami in 2004, PASCO has formulated a concept of a disaster monitoring system using satellites that can observe the Earth in a global scale combined with airborne sensors, and launched its satellite business in 2007. Since then, PASCO has promoted prompt provision of disaster information and supported disaster management in large scale disasters using Earth observation satellite data.

With this contract, PASCO is now able to communicate with SPOT 6/7 satellites in response to customer requests, utilizing its receiving stations in Hokkaido and Okinawa. Furthermore, PASCO Group presently distributes data of twenty-eight (28) satellites for the new data acquisitions and archive data of thirty-four (34) satellites. It is the largest satellite data distributor in Japan.

PASCO will expand its business in survey by utilizing satellite data, as well as in remote sensing application services in the field of disaster management, agriculture, forestry and environment by utilizing satellite data analysis and interpretation technology.

About Airbus Defence and Space

Airbus Defence and Space is a division of Airbus Group formed by combining the business activities of Cassidian, Astrium and Airbus Military. The new division is Europe's number one defence and space enterprise, the second largest space business worldwide and among the top ten global defence enterprises. It employs some 40,000 employees generating revenues of approximately €14 billion per year.

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