

Press Release

Alaska Satellite Facility/Americas ALOS Data Node

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**Agreement Signed to Provide ALOS Commercial Data in Canada, and throughout the Americas**

The Americas ALOS Data Node (AADN) is pleased to announce that it has signed an agreement with MDA's Geospatial Services International to provide access to ALOS data for commercial users. The Advanced Land Observing Satellite (ALOS) was launched by the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency on 24 January 06. It has three, Earth-imaging sensors onboard, including a high-resolution panchromatic imager, a multispectral imager, and synthetic aperture radar.

MDA GSI provides Earth observation data, information products and services from aerial platforms and the majority of commercially available radar and optical satellites. These products and services are used globally for resource mapping, environmental monitoring, offshore oil and gas exploration, ice reconnaissance, maritime surveillance and disaster management.

MDA GSI will partner with AADN as a non-exclusive distributor of commercially distributed products in North and South America, except for Canada. MDA GSI holds the exclusive distribution rights for commercially distributed data and standard data products in Canada.

“AADN is very excited about our partnership with MDA GSI,” said AADN Director, Dr. Nettie La Belle-Hamer. “This agreement contributes to our long-term plan to expand the use of ALOS data, products, and services to new markets and new applications.”

The AADN provides ALOS data products and general information through its Web site at <http://aadn.asf.alaska.edu>. More information on MDA GSI can be found at <http://gs.mdacorporation.com/>. More information about ALOS can be found at <http://www.jaxa.jp>.