

Axelspace and Gazprom Space Systems to Collaborate on Earth Observation Projects for Energy Industry

TOKYO, September 23, 2020 – Axelspace Corporation today announces the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with Gazprom Space Systems (GSS) towards the common goal of empowering anyone with actionable Earth observation data to make more informed decisions.

With the strong support from Mitsui & Co. LTD, and Mitsui & Co. Moscow LLC, Axelspace and GSS have signed this Memorandum of Understanding to explore opportunities to deliver competitive remote sensing solutions especially to the energy industry by combining the satellite imagery data from Axelspace's AxelGlobe platform, powered by its proprietary microsatellite constellation "GRUS", and from "SMOTR" Earth Remote Sensing Space System (the SMOTR System), powered by SMOTR-V satellites.

AxelGlobe is Axelspace's next-generation Earth observation platform, consisting of dozens of microsatellites named "GRUS". The first GRUS satellite was launched in December 2018, and its data has been delivered to a wide range of clients since May 2019. Its applications vary from agriculture to disaster monitoring, urban planning and land management. Axelspace is ready to launch 4 additional GRUS satellites soon, allowing for much higher revisit rate.

The SMOTR System is developed by Gazprom Space Systems, an affiliate of Gazprom, carrying out space activities in the area of creation and operation of telecommunication and geoinformation space systems in the interest of Gazprom Group companies and other customers. The system's primary focus is to search for new gas deposits, monitor gas infrastructure and conduct environmental monitoring.

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About Gazprom Space Systems

Head office location: Russia, 141112, Moscow region, Shchelkovo, Moscow street, bld. 77B
President & CEO: Dmitry N. Sevastiyanov
Establishment: November 2, 1992
Main business content: Joint Stock Company Gazprom Space Systems is an international satellite operator providing capacity in Russia and CIS, Europe, Middle East, Africa, South East Asia, Pacific Ocean
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Capital stock: 4,537 Million JPY (including capital reserve)
Main business content: Solutions based on microsatellite technology, design and production of microsatellites and related components, launch arrangements and operational support, business related to microsatellite data
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