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GIS DEVELOPMENT FELICITATES EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION IN GEOSPATIAL TECHNOLOGY

GIS Development presented Geospatial World Forum Excellence and Innovation Awards to sixteen organisations from different parts of the world for innovative and effective applications of geospatial technologies.

January 18, Hyderabad, India : – GIS Development , the Geospatial media company felicitated sixteen organisations from across the globe with the Geospatial World Forum Excellence/Innovation Awards at the Award Night of Geospatial World Forum held on January 18, 2011 at Hyderabad, India. The ceremony was attended by more than 800 delegates.

The Geospatial World Forum Excellence Awards are India's premier private awards that commemorate excellence and Innovation in the field of geospatial technology. The objective of giving these awards was to recognize, honour and spot light the best applications or uses of geospatial technologies whose performance is worthy of emulation. The nominations for the awards were sought from across the globe. The winners were selected through an elaborate multilevel assessment process lead by a panel of 7 International judges.

The State of Gujarat, India was also felicitated as 'The Premier Geospatial State' and the award was accepted by Shri. Narendra Modi, Chief Minister, State of Gujarat, India. Mr. Modi also presented the awards to all the awardees. Speaking on the occasion, the minister announced India's first geospatial technology park, which will provide all the facilities that Industry need.

The categories of awards and their respective recipients were:

Geospatial World Forum 2011 Excellence Award

- For the Application of Geospatial Technology in Agriculture To Mitr Phol Sugar Corp., Ltd, Thailand
- For the Application of Geospatial Technology in Business Intelligence To Information Systems Directorate, Ministry of Municipalities and Agricultural Affairs, Bahrain
- For The Application of Geospatial Technology in Governance To Madhya Pradesh Rural Road Development Authority, Bhopal, INDIA
- For The Application of Geospatial Technology in Mineral Exploration & Mining To Anglo Platinum Limited, South Africa
- For The Application of Geospatial Technology in Transport Management To Taipei City Government
- For The Application of Geospatial Technology in Utilities Management

To Equarater (Penang) Sdn. Bhd., MALAYSIA

- For The Application of Geospatial Technology in Energy and Power Distribution To Spectra Energy, U.S.A
- For The Application of Geospatial Technology in Telecommunication To Bharati AirTel Limite, India.
- For The Application of Geospatial Technology in Land and Resources Management To Taranaki Regional Council, New Zealand

Geospatial World Forum 2011 Innovation Award

- For Technology Innovation in Mobile Mapping
 To Data World for the 'Integration of Digital Pen with GIS'
- For Technology Innovation in 3D Mapping To Avenion Inc. for the application titled - Avenion 3D Tracing
- For Technology Innovation in Photogrammetry To MICROSOFT's VEXCEL IMAGING for the UltraCamXp WA hardware and the MONOLITHIC STITCHING capability of their software.
- For Technology Innovation in Remote Sensing To DIGITAL GLOBE INC. for the 'WorldView 2 satellite with its unique 8 -bands'
- For Technology Innovation in Web GIS To AALTO UNIVERSITY, FINLAND for the development of 'SoftGIS as a bridge-builder in collaborative urban planning.'
- For Technology Innovation in LiDAR To TERRASOLID LTD. for their TERRASOLID SOFTWARE SUITE.

Sanjay Kumar, Chief Executive Officer, GISDevelopment said, "GISDevelopment, as a propagator and promoter of geospatial technologies is very pleased to see the spread of geospatial technologies to such an extent and we feel that such great efforts need to be acknowledged. I on behalf of the GIS Development team would like to congratulate and thank all the winners who very enthusiast ically participated for the Excellence Award."

About Geospatial World Forum

Geospatial World Forum (formerly known as Map World forum) is a conference driven by an objective to provide an appropriate representation of the geospatial industry and its relevance in tomorrow's world. It is a medium of convergence of various stakeholders of the global geospatial community. It is a gathering of about 2000 professionals from all over the world who get together to discuss and

deliberate on various aspects of geospatial industry. Geospatial World Forum is organized in partnership with many international professional societies.

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GIS Development is a premier media organisation working to promote and propagate the usage of geospatial technologies in various areas of development for the community at large. GIS Development has been associated with this industry for more than 13 years now, to promote the Geospatial industry, provide a platform for advocacy and lobbying for Geospatial Industry and create awareness on Geospatial Technologies worldwide.