

FARO and Stormbee Announce Airborne 3D Scanning Solution



FARO, a provider of 3D measurement and imaging solutions for construction BIM, and Stormbee, a pioneer in mobile UAV technology, have partnered up to offer an integrated, cost-effective airborne 3D scanning solution specifically designed to optimise on-site capturing workflows as part of FARO's Traceable Construction. This integrated solution includes the FARO Focus laser scanner and the Stormbee S series UAV and Beeflex software suite.

The airborne solution enables wide-area scanning missions, such as highway or train infrastructure, large construction sites and buildings, as well as openpit mines. While these would take days when scanned from the ground, they can now be completed in just hours without interrupting traffic on in-process construction work.

Additionally, this airborne solution further enhances productivity by allowing users to capture complex environments – such as factories, chemical plants or other infrastructure features inaccessible to ground-based scanning – from the air with high levels of accuracy and detail and create as-built drawings, isometrics and facilitate analysis. The data can then download to FARO BuildIT Construction software to monitor construction quality control and progress or to create as-built CAD models with FARO As-Built Suite

3D data capture for large construction projects

The Beeflex software allows users to create centimetre-level-accurate point clouds directly from the in-flight data. Furthermore, the intuitive user interface ensures that anyone can become a viable 'expert' with no more than one hour of hands-on training. Beeflex data can be exported directly into FARO SCENE software for further analysis and/or to combine aerial scans with the detail-rich data from terrestrial scanners.

"With the combination of the unique competencies of FARO and Stormbee, we are now able to drive a new level of time- and cost-effectiveness for wide-area 3D data capture for large construction projects or projects where terrestrial-based scanning is not the most viable option," said Andreas Gerster, vice president of FARO Construction BIM.

For more information, click here.

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