

Proteus to Distribute BlackBridge RapidEye Data

Proteus, a provider of satellite-derived mapping and classification services, has been signed by international geospatial solution provider BlackBridge as a reseller of RapidEye satellite data. Proteus has hired geospatial-industry veteran Chris Burnett to manage the sale of RapidEye imagery and future datasets.

Since 2011, Proteus has been delivering solutions for mapping and classification projects using multispectral satellite imagery. These mapping projects have been delivered for environmental, oil and gas, engineering and other coastal zone applications in Europe, USA, the Middle East and Caribbean.

In just three years, Proteus has become a premier provider of satellite mapping projects, specialising in bathymetric and seafloor classification applications, said Proteus CEO David Critchley. Expanding into the distribution of high-quality imagery – both raw and processed – is the next step in the company's growth strategy.

To direct distribution of high-resolution multispectral RapidEye imagery, Proteus has welcomed Chris Burnett to the company. With a degree in mapping and cartography from Oxford Brooks University, Burnett has an extensive background in surveying, geodesy and GIS. He honed his geospatial skills and expertise during 10 years at Blom.

The RapidEye satellite constellation is unique in its combination of multispectral bands and daily revisit capability, said Burnett. The Red Edge band gives RapidEye data a distinct advantage in feature classification projects.

Burnett will focus his initial business development efforts on selling RapidEye imagery to agriculture, environmental, forestry and oil & gas clients. Based in the Bristol, UK, headquarters, Burnett also serves as the firm's newest project manager, handling contracts relating to Proteus' growing list of clients worldwide.

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