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Re: Successful Completion of USGS Manufacturer Certification of the Leica Geosystems AG  
ADS40 Airborne Digital Sensor

Dear Peter:

The USGS digital aerial imagery manufacturer certification team has completed the review of Leica's ADS40 Airborne Digital Sensor and provides the attached certification document for your system. You and your team were very thorough in working through the USGS Manufacturer Certification portion of the USGS Quality Assurance Plan for Aerial Digital Imagery and your professionalism and technical capabilities are commendable. The USGS team certainly appreciates the capabilities of your system and its ability to support mapping requirements.

The USGS team has prepared a complete documentation record and synopsis of information from the certification visit. This documentation will be handled and stored as proprietary information. We have some clarification questions that we will work with the team via telephone and email to address, and after finalization of the record, we will archive the record at the USGS for future reference.

We will be forwarding a summary report for your review in September 2007. This report will be for public release and must not contain proprietary information. Upon completion of your review of this report, the USGS team will incorporate your comments and changes, and release the report. As we discussed during the certification visit meeting, the USGS team will handle all information as proprietary until it has been approved for release by Leica Geosystems. The team was very impressed with Leica's effort to establish traceability to National Standards and we look forward to discussing this in the future.

On behalf of the entire USGS Manufacturer Certification Team, thank you again for your time, effort, and exceptional hospitality. We look forward to working with Leica Geosystems in the future. If you have any questions, please call me at (605) 594-2569, or email me at [stensaas@usgs.gov](mailto:stensaas@usgs.gov).

Sincerely,

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