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Dear Mr. Ponticelli:

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) digital aerial imagery manufacturer certification team has completed the review of Vexcel's UltraCam_x and provides the attached certification document for your system.

The USGS team has prepared a complete documentation record and synopsis of information from the original certification visit in 2006 and the documentation review for the UltraCam_x in 2008. This documentation will be handled and stored as proprietary information, and we will archive the record at the USGS for future reference.

I provided Michael Gruber with a copy of the draft summary report for UltraCam_x for your review, additions, and comments at the 2008 Joint Agency Commercial Imagery Evaluation workshop in March 2008. We will work with you to add an appendix to this report containing the UltraCam_x information. 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 previously discussed, the USGS team will handle all information as proprietary until it has been approved for release by Microsoft Vexcel.

This certification is valid for the UltraCam_D and UltraCam_x systems that match the system types evaluated by the USGS. Any major design changes that change the standard form, fit, function, or effective output of the system will require additional evaluation and re-certification if necessary.

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

Sincerely,

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