



## **NORTH WEST GROUP**

# North West Geomatics Ltd. & The Silvacom Group

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## **North West and Silvacom Announce Acquisition of Majority Interest in AltaLIS**

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North West Geomatics Ltd. and The Silvacom Group™ today jointly announced their acquisition of QC Data's 65% ownership in AltaLIS Ltd. The acquisition results from several months of discussions and negotiations with QC Data, who were one of the founding shareholders of AltaLIS, along with Martin Newby Consulting (MNC) of Calgary. MNC will retain its 35% ownership of AltaLIS.

"We are proud and honoured to have completed this transaction, which we believe will significantly enhance the role and impact of AltaLIS within the geospatial community in Alberta." stated Tim Crago, Vice President of North West Geomatics. "Leveraging the solid reputation established by QC Data and MNC in operating AltaLIS over the past 13 years, we intend to expand upon the business and its role as the distributor of Alberta mapping data to all stakeholders in the Province".

"We consider ourselves fortunate to now be in a position to play a direct role in what has become an extremely successful partnership between the private sector and the Government of Alberta in making critical data and information available to all involved in land activities in the Province." added Tom Grabowski, President and CEO of Silvacom. "There are tremendous opportunities and challenges ahead of us and we are ready to deliver the required data and services as the Province moves forward in implementing new policies governing activities on the land".

AltaLIS, owned 65% by a jointly held North West/Silvacom company and 35% by MNC, will be announcing new and enhanced offerings in the future while continuing to provide essential services to the public and private sectors in Alberta.

### **About North West**

North West Geomatics Ltd. is a leading aerial photography and remote sensing firm based in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. It owns and operates 6 high performance aircraft, including 4 Cessna 441 Conquests. North West conducts aerial photography and LiDAR operations throughout North and South America. In 2006 North West finalized the migration to a completely digital imagery acquisition process employing the latest Leica ADS80 digital sensor. North West now operates 5 such sensors. It is the owner of the largest private ortho imagery data base in Canada. This imagery data base is Internet distributed through its Valtus Imagery Services subsidiary which serves approximately 100,000 images per day. North West is an ISO9000 registered firm and employs over 50 staff.

## About Silvacom

The Silvacom Group™ is a "made in Alberta" success story founded in 1983 which serves clients in the Energy, Forestry, Utility and Government sectors. Silvacom's consulting division helps clients solve problems related to surface land planning & development, and its technology and design division builds and deploys world class web enabled mapping technology. Silvacom's focus is based upon a rigorous scientific approach, reliable quantitative methods, ISO 9000:2008 certified quality procedures, and a unique ability to produce results using geospatial business analytics and highly effective design and visualization. The unifying theme to The Silvacom Group™ is DATA - they are recognized as a world leader in the development and implementation of natural resource data strategies and have trademarked the phrase "Data is Our Core Business™".

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