



**Creation of an Important Collaboration in Geomatics**

**MacDonald, Dettwiler & Associates Ltd. joins the GEOIDE Network of Centres of Excellence as a corporate member**

Quebec, March 3, 2005. The GEOIDE Network (Geomatics for Informed Decisions) has just announced that MacDonald, Dettwiler & Associates Ltd. (MDA), a world leader in advanced information solutions for decision making and operational performance, has become a corporate member of GEOIDE.

The two organizations share common interests, and this support agreement confirms a common resolve to invest time, effort and knowledge in developing geomatics solutions. "In associating with a Canada-wide network of excellence in research like GEOIDE, MDA will benefit from an increased research presence. We can leverage the close connections with these researchers to reassert our flagship position as a cutting-edge solution provider," said Harold Zwick, MDA Research & Development.

The GEOIDE Network is proud to welcome its new corporate member. GEOIDE has made industry involvement easier by creating this new membership category. "Support from a major player such as MDA means added leverage for the Network. MDA's expertise in remote sensing and information processing and management will allow us to expand our view of industry concerns," stated Professor Nicholas Chrisman, Scientific Director for the GEOIDE Network. MDA is the GEOIDE Network's first corporate member.

MDA provides advanced earth and space based information solutions that capture and process vast amounts of data, produce essential information, and improve the decision making and operational performance in business and government organizations worldwide. MDA employs more than 2,500 people in offices across the United States, Europe, and Canada. The company trades on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol TSX:MDA.

The GEOIDE Network is a member of the Networks of Centres of Excellence program (www.nce.gc.ca). Through strategic alliances between private industry, education and government agencies, GEOIDE helps Canadians benefit from Canadian innovations in geomatics. For more information, visit www.geoide.ulaval.ca.

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