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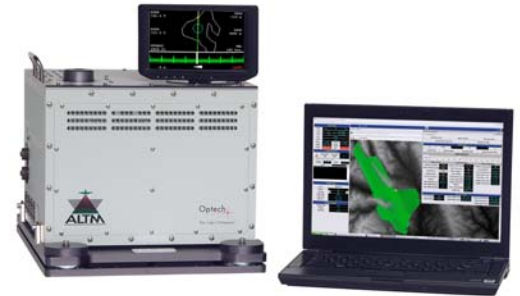
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Optech Announces New Corridor Mapping Solution

Toronto, Canada – Optech Incorporated announced today a new addition to its Airborne Survey Products portfolio, the ALTM Orion C200. Based on the highly successful, ultra-compact Orion platform, the C200 is the first in a series of ALTMs designed specifically for the corridor market. This low-altitude mapping solution addresses the needs of a burgeoning industry demanding a turn-key solution which is fully supported, upgradeable and cost-effective.

Ideally suited for smaller aircraft with minimal payload and power capability, the ALTM Orion C200 incorporates an eye-safe, 1.5 micron high-precision laser with an effective repetition rate of 200 kHz, and a variable field of view for those requiring maximum available density in a robust and flexible package. Standard design features include variable roll compensation, plug-and-play ports for integrated imaging sensor options, and real-time GPS differential correction capability. A streamlined Flight Management System with fully integrated peripheral sensor planning and control capability enables in-air mission planning and graphical real-time data coverage estimation for increased collection confidence. An unmanned, remotely-operated version is also available for non-commercial requirements.



ALTM Orion Ultra-compact Topographic Mapping System

"The ALTM Orion is simply the most versatile airborne mapping system on the market today," said Mr. Don Carswell, President of Optech. "The result of direct input from lidar survey professionals, the Orion C-Series brings incredible density and accuracy to corridor surveys at a remarkable price-point. I am very excited to see how our clients are able to boost their productivity and profitability while delivering a new level of data quality."

About Optech Incorporated

Optech is the world leader in the development, manufacture and support of advanced laser-based survey instruments. We offer client-driven lidar solutions in airborne terrestrial mapping, airborne laser bathymetry, laser imaging, mine cavity monitoring and industrial process control, as well as space-qualified sensors for orbital operations and planetary exploration.

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