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GEODIS and Delta Drone join forces to develop a unique solution for warehouse inventory using drones

GEODIS and Delta Drone just signed an agreement aimed at the joint development of an automated warehouse inventory solution based on the use of drones.

An initial life-size test – a first in the logistics sector – will be carried out in May at a GEODIS warehouse in Saint-Ouen l'Aumône, near Paris. In the long term, the solution could be made available to the 300 warehouses managed by GEODIS worldwide, representing six million square meters.

The solution which ensures counting and reporting in real time, aims to integrate the entire value chain, including data processing and retrieval in the GEODIS information system (WMS). The drone is a unique prototype designed by the engineering teams of GEODIS and Delta Drone. It combines a ground-based robot, equipped with a battery ensuring the energy required to move around a warehouse, and a quadcopter equipped with high-resolution cameras. The entire system, featuring indoor geolocation technology, functions in complete autonomy during the hours when the site is closed.

With this major investment, GEODIS is showing its determination and ability to rank among the most innovative companies in its sector. After analyzing regulatory constraints and the security of people and goods, the Group selected, from among a number of possible uses of civilian drones, a reliable and productivity-enhancing initial application.

For Delta Drone, the opportunity to place its expertise, based on the convergence of business expertise, at the service of the GEODIS Group, a leader in its sector worldwide, stands as a significant reference. It also brings the company the possibility of operating in the two key markets of Europe and the United States.

About Delta Drone

The Delta Drone group is a renowned player in the sector of civilian drones for professional use. It offers a global service ranging from data acquisition to data processing using a specially developed IT system and including the provision of professional pilots trained and certified by Ecole Française du Drone, a Group subsidiary. Delta Drone is listed on the Alternext market of Euronext Paris.

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About GEODIS

GEODIS is a Supply Chain Operator ranking among the top companies in its field in Europe and the World. GEODIS, which is part of SNCF Logistics, which in turn is a business line of the SNCF Group, is the number one Transport and Logistics operator in France and ranked number four in Europe. The international reach includes a direct presence in 67 countries and a global network spanning over 120 countries. With its five Lines of Business (Supply Chain Optimization, Freight Forwarding, Contract Logistics, Distribution & Express and Road Transport), GEODIS manages its customers Supply Chain by providing end-to-end solutions enabled by over 39,000 employees, its infrastructure, its processes and systems. In 2015, GEODIS recorded €8 billion in revenue.

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