



### REMOTE SENSING SOLUTIONS FOR UTILITIES AND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURES

Leveraging Imagery to automate Asset Management and Planning

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## L3Harris / Geospatial

**Company Presentation and Value Proposition** 

### L3Harris – Committed to Excellence







### L3Harris Value Proposition for Utilities

- Large, stable, U.S. based company with a solid balance sheet
- Trusted vendor to U.S./European Governments with track record for delivering complex projects with high security.
- Recognized as industry leader in image science. Years of success in defense/intelligence with >30 years of experience in the remote sensing.
- Ability to integrate core analytic and data management into existing operational systems.

Diversified business	Strong customer	Talent and culture of innovation	Global scale in ~130
mix <sup>1</sup>	relationships <sup>1</sup>		countries
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1 CY18 financials. 2 EBIT excluding discontinued operations is defined as net income plus interest expense and income taxes. 3 Net cash from continued operations less net capex



# **Remote Sensing Solutions for Utilities**

Challenges, Drivers and Applications











#### Challenges

- With ever tightening margins, there are needs in optimizing costs, improving safety, and ensuring reliability and customer satisfaction.
- Inspecting and maintaining infrastructure with traditional methods is a time consuming and dangerous task
- Comprehensive picture of as-built infrastructure and current state of equipment is often unknown, despite increasingly consuming remotely sensed data
- Often separate, disparate systems and company records, with the need to establish a centralized data management system
- Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) are still maturing and regulatory uncertainty remains, but policies and technology standards are gradually taking shape

#### Drivers

- Remote sensing technology combined with geospatial analytics is becoming a safe, accurate, and low-cost approach that can provide critical insights faster and more affordably then traditional inspections
  - Optimize Costs and Efficiency: Cost control / lower costs of inspections and vegetation management, aggregate data in central repository and workflows
  - <u>Improve Safety</u>: Improve overall safety of workers, reduce risks from changing network conditions that could impact the public
  - <u>Maintain Reliability</u>: Increase inspection intervals for less downtime and better awareness, avoid penalties, increase customer satisfaction

### **Asset Detection / Update / Conflation**

#### Challenges

- Maintaining an accurate asset database, as actual construction often differs from the original design.
- Network record database may be registered to older, inaccurate base maps
- Consolidations and acquisitions create challenges in merging databases.

#### Solution

- Remotely sensed data collection (LiDAR, imagery) to identify current asset configurations (machine learning analytics) and to provide accurate location information
- Change analytics to identify where change has occurred. Conflation methods merging overlapping vector datasets to update and insert new records
- · Flow results to downstream operational systems

#### **Benefits**

- Reduce costs by having a better asset register, making routine inspections, outage management, and break/fix work more efficient by knowing exactly what components are in place
- Increase reliability by understanding the current state of the network infrastructure, detecting anomalies more accurately and frequently, anticipate outages

Red linework indicates new improved asset locations after conflation







### **Asset Inspection Automation**

#### Challenges

- Many inspections still performed only visually with helicopter or inspectors on the ground which are costly
- Field employees / pilots are put at risk during the inspection process
- Inspections occur infrequently based on regulation and results can vary by inspector

#### Solution

- Automated analysis of remote sensing data (LiDAR, imagery, thermal, etc.) to automate inspections
- Provide scalable data management tools for all types of input data
- Deliver accurate and timely analytics that assess infrastructure
- · Flow results to downstream operational systems

#### Benefits

- · Improve safety by reducing trips to the field, climbing
- Reduce costs by automating inspection operations with analytics (faster, more accurate, focused work management orders)
- Increase reliability by detecting anomalies more accurately and frequently, anticipate outages



Automatic defect identification of insulator with machine learning analytics applied to UAS imagery data

### **Vegetation Management / Risk Mitigation**

#### Challenges

- Vegetation is a leading cause of power outages that impact system reliability as well as public and utility staff safety
- Vegetation management typically makes up the largest portion of annual T&D maintenance costs
- Utilities often use a fixed-time-based approach regular schedule with routine inspection and cutting in pre-defined areas



- Remote sensing data collection (LiDAR, imagery, hyperspectral) to obtain accurate relationship of vegetation to network infrastructure
- Advanced analytics to automate current vegetation encroachment detection and anticipate future impacts
- · Flow results to downstream operational systems

#### Benefits

- Move away from fixed-priced management strategy to a riskinformed, condition-based treatment cycle
- · Improve utility measures across safety, reliability, and cost
- Impact customer satisfaction, reduce risk, meet regulatory requirements, and lower environmental impacts





Automatic detection of vegetation encroachment to conductor and to pole with specific area of encroachment identified (3m)

### **SAR Land Displacement Monitoring**



#### Challenges

- Continuous structural health monitoring of critical assets (power plants, transformers, dams etc.) and linear infrastructures (transmission lines, pipelines, etc.)
- Prevent potential risks of structure failure as result of land displacements

#### Solution

- Interferometric processing of remote sensing Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) data for analytical and operational land displacement and infrastructure monitoring
- Ad-hoc disaster land shift analysis and long-term multitemporal displacement monitoring

#### **Benefits**

- Obtain improved situational awareness of land displacement activities to keep assets structurally secure
- Reduce costs by remote data capture, achieve high density of information, precision and accuracy, an wide area coverage
- Increase reliability with continuous monitoring and alert areas where land is moving



Multi-temporal analysis of Displacements





# **Remote Sensing Solutions for Utilities**

L3Harris Technology Solutions

### **Amplify – L3Harris Utilities Analytics Platform**



End-to-end advanced asset data management solution for asset inspection and maintenance operations

- Manages, processes, and analyzes geospatial imagery to automate, scale, and optimize asset management operations
- Integrates in operational systems (GIS, work management, asset management)



# Amplify – T&D Utility Workflow Analytics



- Application
  - Remote sensing data management infrastructure integrated with machine learning technology to analyze utility T&D network assets
    - Data Management
    - Identifying/locating assets
    - Finding defects/damage/anomalies
    - Identifying vegetation encroachment/ clearance issues
    - Monitoring change over time
- Feature Summary
  - Simple dashboard of anomalies/defects per asset across all analyses
  - Automated algorithms to classify vegetation and determine distance and size of vegetation encroachment
  - Filters and search criteria to focus on issues of interest
  - Streamlined remote sensing data ingest, cataloging, and management
  - SaaS or on-premise deployment
  - Interactive system to train deep learning models





• Real-time automated analyses based on a wide range of data types



### **Amplify – Catalog View**



• Generate inspection reports for remediate work orders

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		pole	2019/09/20	P370078	Unable to access pole from road	
		pole	2019/09/20	P577332	No avian covers detected Difficult to access pole from road	
		pole	2019/09/20	P370080	No avian covers detected Pole lean angle is between 5 and 10 degrees	
		pole	2019/09/20	P370079	Vegetation is within 10 feet of pole. Difficult to access pole from road Pole lean angle is between 5 and 10 degrees	
		pole	2019/09/20	P870546	Dne avian cover detected	
	X	pole	2019/09/20	P370082	No avian covers detected Pole lean angle is between 5 and 10 degrees	
		pole	2019/09/20	P139444	No avian covers detected	
		pole	2019/09/20	P197252	No avian covers detected	

### **ENVI Imagery Analytics & Deep Learning**



- ENVI Market leading product in remote sensing analytics across many data types
  - Optical Multispectral Hyperspectral Infrared – LiDAR – SAR
  - Examples
    - Vegetation identification from hyperspectral imagery
    - Locate and quantify vegetation encroaching close powerlines and poles
    - LiDAR feature extraction of utility assets



- State-of-the-art L3Harris-developed Deep Learning technology
  - Applied R&D to remote sensing and geospatial intelligence problems



- Examples
  - Asset identification and location
  - Asset anomalies and defects
  - Change detection over time

### **Amplify Deep Learning Analytics - Examples**



Broken Insulator

• Classifiers can accurately extract features from imagery in an automated fashion



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### **Amplify – Automatic Workflows**



#### 1. Collect and Ingest

- Collect data and upload in content management system
- Extract information from **all type of data modality**: optical, LiDAR, spectral (multi- / hyperspectral), SAR, infrared, thermal, etc.
- Ingest data and imagery from all type of acquisition platforms: UAV, helicopter, satellite, terrestrial, etc.
- Subscribe for satellite based web monitoring services



#### 2. Process and Analyze

- Image and Data Management
  - Store, catalogue, search, discover and exploit the right data for critical insights
- Image Analytics and Deep Learning:
  - Asset location improvement and as-built update
  - Asset damage inspection and anomaly detection
  - Vegetation encroachment analysis
- Infrastructure Monitoring:
  - Satellite based macro-scale vegetation monitoring
  - SAR based land displacement monitoring
  - CCTV camera based real time weather monitoring



- 3. Disseminate and Act
- Optimize Asset Management and Planning Operations
  - o Infrastructure mapping
  - $\circ$  Remote inspection
- o Change detection
- Manage Vegetation Encroachment and Mitigate Risks
  - o Clearance analysis
  - o Predictive growth analytics
  - Operations management & safety
- Respond to a Weather Event / Damage Assessment
- o Storm planning
- $\circ$  Post-storm assessment
- Asset restoration



# Satellite based Macro Scale Vegetation Monitoring along Linear Infrastructures



- Continuous automated vegetation hazard monitoring along linear infrastructures (rail, utilities or pipeline corridors)
  - Vegetation encroachment
  - Vegetation health
- Vegetation hazard workflow
  - Based on multi-temporal Sentinel-2 collects and ENVI's spectral analysis tools
  - Continually running to analyze anomalies and send alerts when a region has results of concern
- Cost effective approach to optimize preventative maintenance operations
  - Monitoring at a macro scale to then focus maintenance efforts on a micro level faster
  - Using time series analysis to validate the risk has been mitigated and the maintenance completed
  - UAV and maintenance teams can put together a tipping and cuing system to focus efforts



Source: "Utilizing free satellite imagery to focus maintenance efforts in rail corridors" using Sentinel-2 imagery: https://www.harrisgeospatial.com/Learn/Blogs/Blog-Details/ArtMID/10198/ArticleID/23544/Utilizing-free-satellite-imagery-to-focus-maintenance-efforts-in-rail-corridors

### Land Displacement – Nuclear Power Plant



• Persistent Scatterers: determine displacements from time series of Sentinel-1.



### Land Displacement – Nuclear Power Plant



• Sentinel-1 time series analysis indicates land uplift at nuclear plant site.





Identify interaction between landslides and pipelines based on SAR analysis (Toscana, Italy)

 >270 SAR Sentinel-1 images, revisit time 6 days, ascending and descending (October 2014 – March 2018)



### Land Displacement – Pipeline Monitoring



### Map of average displacement

(Scale: +/- 30 [mm / y])

- Horizontal (east-west direction) Slope movements
  - Positive values (red) correspond to an eastward shift

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 Negative values (blue) correspond to a westward shift

> Active landslide event in the center of the image that overlaps with critical infrastructure

- Vertical (up-down) Subsidence
  - Positive values (red) correspond to an upward shift
  - Negative values (blue) correspond to a downward shift



### L3Harris Geospatial Data & Imagery

### L3Harris Geospatial Marketplace

L3Harris offers a large selection of geospatial products worldwide including satellite imagery, aerial maps, digital elevation model (DEM) data, vector and lidar data, topographic maps, and more.

#### **Geospatial services**

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Creation of custom solutions for highly automated information extraction supported by a broad portfolio of professional software technologies and knowledge transfer.



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### **Amplify – Integration with Utility Operations**





## Conclusion

Summary and Demo

## **Amplify – Summary / Value Proposition**



- Significant potential in the use of remote sensing data and analytics to automate utility asset management operations
  - Make utilities inspections more efficient and safer
- Key applications
  - Remote sensing data management
  - Asset detection / inventory as-built update
  - Asset location improvement (conflation)
  - Asset inspection automation
  - Vegetation management
  - Land Displacement Monitoring
  - Pre/post disaster management
- Operational considerations
  - Data collection methodology
  - Machine learning models
  - Data management and archive for access and change monitoring
  - Systems integration GIS, asset management, and performance monitoring

### **KEY BENEFITS OF AMPLIFY**

- OPTIMIZE COSTS
- ENSURE RELIABILITY
- IMPROVE SAFETY
- CUSTOMER SATISFACTION



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