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## **Topcon partners with GeoAge for high performance data collection and mapping solutions**

Topcon Positioning Systems (TPS) and GeoAge have announced an OEM partnership that will combine the world's leading hand-held GIS mapping system – TPS' GMS-2 – with advanced FAST™ data collection and mapping software designed by GeoAge.

The Topcon and GeoAge agreement enables users to benefit from high performance end-user solutions within industries such as utilities, engineering, public works and environmental management. Topcon and GeoAge will work together to help customers configure the best solutions to meet their needs.

Mike Weir, TPS director of sales-GIS, said, "This partnership will enable GIS system managers to rapidly equip field crews and get them in the field immediately collecting critically needed data with the industry's premier hardware platform and the most functional field data collection software."

"Combining digital photography and sub-meter GPS capabilities in one compact, rugged hand-held unit provides our customers with an excellent all-in-one solution." said Jeff Arnold, president of GeoAge. "Eliminating the need for separate hardware components, FAST software and field-tested Topcon GMS-2 equal cost-effective, high performance solutions."

Unique benefits of the Topcon and GeoAge solution for end-users include:

- The ability to rapidly build special data collection menus to meet specific field requirements
- Provides world's leading hand-held GPS platform to GeoAge users
- Provides GIS end-user expertise and application development experience to the Topcon distribution channel and user base
- Links GeoAge and Topcon Positioning Systems distribution channels giving the end-user seamless support on both hardware and software performance.
- Provides true field-to-finish application from data collection to enterprise integration

The GeoAge product portfolio extends from form design to data collection and enterprise integration of accurately collected field data. With GeoAge FAST software, a GMS-2 user can quickly customize forms and be collecting field data within hours. The data can then be uploaded to an enterprise system on the desktop, over the web, or through secure wireless communications to a server.

Weir said, "The GMS-2 with GeoAge FAST software will provide excellent opportunities for Topcon distributors to increase their Topcon product portfolio. This partnership increases our software for the GMS-2 to include: TopSURV GIS data collection software; TopPAD, GIS data collection software built on the ESRI ArcPad platform, and; GeoAge's FAST software, supporting multiple vertical applications."

**About GeoAge:** GeoAge is a leading developer and supplier of mobile data collection, mapping and workforce productivity systems. Its rapid form-creation software enables new levels of management effectiveness in the field for environmental, engineering, and emergency response applications. GeoAge mobility solutions utilize smartphones, PDAs and tablet computers running Microsoft operating systems. GeoAge is a Microsoft Certified Partner for mobility solutions.

**About Topcon Positioning Systems:** Topcon Positioning Systems, a developer and manufacturer of positioning equipment, offers the world's leading selection of innovating precision GPS, GIS, laser, agriculture, optical surveying, and machine control products, software, and applications. Topcon Corporation is traded on Tokyo Stock Exchange (7732).

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