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TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AGREEMENT BETWEEN SAGEM AND HAL

Indian aerospace giant **Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL)** has signed a technology transfer agreement with **Sagem (Safran)** concerning the manufacture and maintenance in India of **Sagem's SIGMA 95** laser gyro navigation systems. Developed by Sagem for fixed and rotary-wing combat aircraft, the SIGMA 95 is an autonomous, hybrid laser gyro inertial/GPS-Glonass* navigation system. It stands up to severe

environments, and gives military aircraft a high degree of navigation precision and operational flexibility, thus supporting the success of even the most demanding missions, including in areas without GPS signals. According to the terms of this agreement, HAL will be able to produce SIGMA 95 units for the Indian air force, and also provide "level 3" front line maintenance. www.sagem.com <http://www.hal-india.com>

ATKINS TO DESIGN LANDMARK SUPERTALL DEVELOPMENT IN CHINA



Atkins has been awarded a contract to design the centre-piece development for a new expansion project in **Changsha**, one of China's most economically advanced cities. The site will be devel-

oped by **Changsha Northstar Real Estate Development Company** to create a new landmark, the **Northstar Changsha Centre** with **Atkins** providing the architectural design services for this development. The

Centre will integrate residential, cultural, retail and commercial space of the riverside area to create a central public space for activities. This will include a supertall 400 metre landmark office tower, regional convention centre, department stores, a five-star hotel and serviced apartments. Sustainability is a main focus for the project, and the convention centre will set new standards in passive energy efficiency due to its careful orientation and sophisticated roof design. Rows of large skylights orientated to the north will bring diffused light into the halls and foyers below, utilising natural light effectively. www.atkinsglobal.co.uk

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EMBRACE EFFICIENCY AND FLEXIBILITY WITH LATEST SUPERGIS SERVER 3.2

A better version of **SuperGIS Server** has been released - **version 3.2**. The latest update improves the management ability of **SuperGIS Server Manager** and adds more tools in **Ultra web applications**. Administrators now can backup their SuperGIS Server and roll it back to previous status. This design is to prevent services failures, account errors and other problems due to human or machine errors. Regularly backing up your SuperGIS Server is recommended to provide a better quality of services. The Ultra web applications now provide more useful tools for users to explore and observe the spatial relationships of the data, including **LayerSwipe** and **Gauge tool**. The **LayerSwipe** splits the screen into 2 halves so that users can find the differences between 2 layers easily. The **Gauge tool** provides a dashboard-like interface for users to observe the feature values in a cool way. www.supergeotek.com

DISASTER MONITORING SYSTEM FOR SAARC SOON

India is taking a leadership role in implementing an agreement signed by all **South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc)** states on rapid response to natural disasters -- visible in the humanitarian and technical assistance India extended to Nepal immediately after an earthquake struck the Himalayan nation. An agreement has been signed by all Saarc states - **Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Nepal, Bhutan and India**. Early warning system will include information sharing on cyclones, floods, tsunami etc. India is committed to provide technical assistance to all member states, besides manpower and financial support. New Delhi had also ratified a UN protocol in Sendai, Japan, recently to extend financial and technical assistance to smaller countries in the region. The initiative will include setting up a regional monitoring system, assessment and early warning systems and standby arrangements for disaster relief, the kind India has deployed in Nepal www.saarc-sec.org