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### AND further strengthens its Supervisory Board

AND is delighted to announce the nomination of **Sean Fernback** and **Kees Molenaar** to its **Supervisory Board**. Sean Fernback has more than 10 years' executive experience in the mapping, location technology and navigation industry including both Consumer and Automotive sectors. During 2006 - 2013 he worked for TomTom as Vice President Hardware Engineering and Senior Vice President Engineering & Product Development. Kees Molenaar has broad experience with Dutch listed companies, mainly from an investment perspective and is familiar with the related governance practices. In the period 2013 - 2014 he has been active as a supervisory board member at HES Beheer, then a public company listed at Euronext Amsterdam and subsequently as CEO. In addition to HES Beheer, Kees has held different advisory and board positions for Delta Lloyd Investment funds, ING Barings, Kempen & Co. and Asterix Europe Fund. [www.and.com](http://www.and.com)

## AWARDS

### The Geological Remote Sensing Group Makes 2017 Student Awards Across the Globe

After receiving numerous and high quality applications, the **Geological Remote Sensing Group (GRSG)** has awarded three students £1000 each to support their studies and research work. This year, applications poured in from education establishments all over the world including the UK, Italy, the USA, the Netherlands and Nigeria. Given the standard of the competition, the committee found it difficult to make their decision but after much deliberation they decided the following winners: **PhD Awards: Jo Miles, University of Bristol, UK** - Mapping the potassic footprint of volcanic-hydrothermal systems. **Dario Solano, University of Miami, USA** - Differential subsidence analysis over the Collective Transport System (Metro) in Mexico City. **MSc Award: Imam Purwadi, ITC, University of Twente, the Netherlands** - Mapping iron-bearing mineral for evaluating the environmental benefit of REE mining plans: a case study in abandoned mine sites, Indonesia. [www.grsg.org.uk](http://www.grsg.org.uk)



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### Thomas Pesquet returns to Earth after 6 months in space

Many witnessed the return to Earth of **Thomas Pesquet** at **ESA's European Astronaut Centre** on Friday, 2 June. The events included a live viewing of the capsule's landing, a photo opportunity with Thomas Pesquet on arrival of the ESA aircraft in Cologne and a press conference three days after return. ESA astronaut Thomas Pesquet and **Russian Soyuz** commander **Oleg Novitskiy** concluded their six-month stay on the International Space Station. After a three-hour journey in their Soyuz spacecraft, they landed in the Kazakh steppe. A few hours after landing, Thomas continued his journey to EAC, the home base of all ESA astronauts, in Cologne, Germany. Thomas will be the ninth ESA astronaut to complete a long-duration mission in space and he will be the fourth after **Alexander Gerst, Andreas Mogensen** and **Tim Peake** to fly directly back to Cologne. [www.esa.int](http://www.esa.int)



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### Martek appoint leading UAS "Subject Matter Expert" as Technical Manager

**Martek Marine** is thrilled to announce the official appointment of drone specialist **Martin Appel** as **UAS Technical Manager** joining the rapidly expanding number of drone and aviation experts that make up the company's UAS Division. The appointment of Martin, follows the assignment of highly-acclaimed aviation expert **Paul Forster** as **Head of UAS Operations**. Both Martin and Paul joining the team is pivotal to Martek's strategy, which will help to cement them as world leaders in Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) and achieve the company's mission to, 'Change the world using drones.' The appointment is exciting news for both Martek and Martin, as Martin begins a new chapter in what's already an astonishing career. Presently a big gun in the UAS world, Martin is incredibly well-renowned and comes to Martek with a wealth of industry knowledge and a track-record of success. [www.martek-marine.com](http://www.martek-marine.com)



## AWARD

### Royal Warrant for computer firm crowned Britain's best rural business

**Landmark Systems Ltd** has been awarded a **Royal Warrant** by Her Majesty The Queen.

Landmark Systems Ltd, from Pulborough, was informed by Buckingham Palace in March that it had received the Royal seal of approval. Landmark provides accounting and property management software, including the KEYPrime brand, to farms and estates to help them run their businesses effectively. The company has been a supplier to Royal farms and estates for ten years. **Landmark's managing director Nigel Parsons** said staff at the company were "hugely honoured" to have been given the warrant, which is in place for the next five years. He said: "It is a very special accolade for us as software is not easily assessed and has to be judged on what it delivers over time in a business sense, and not on what it tastes of or looks like!" [www.landmarksystems.co.uk](http://www.landmarksystems.co.uk)



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### GSSI Announces David Cist as New VP of R&D

**GSSI** is pleased to announce the promotion of **David Cist** to the position of **Vice President of Research & Development**. An exceptional leader and innovator, since 1996, Dr. Cist has helped GSSI to develop several key products, including an arrayed utility mapper and a series of search and rescue tools. Promoted from "Chief Geek" in 2015, and more recently to interim Director of R&D, Dr. Cist continues to provide the leadership GSSI needs to drive innovation and product strategy forward. According to **GSSI President, Chris Hawekotte**, "I am pleased to announce the promotion of David Cist to the position of VP of Research & Development. David has led the organization in this capacity on an interim basis since last September and has convinced us that he is right to take on this role permanently." [www.geophysical.com](http://www.geophysical.com)

