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Spatial Data Warehouse Ltd. Signs New Mapping Data Agreement with the Government of Alberta

Edmonton, AB: Today, Spatial Data Warehouse Ltd. (SDW), a Part 9 non-profit Corporation focused on data licensing and distribution of provincial base mapping data, is excited to announce that it has signed a long term Mapping Data Agreement with the Government of Alberta (GoA). This agreement solidifies the partnership of SDW and GoA and allows SDW to continue to provide Albertans with accurate and accessible land based, spatial data.

Under the terms of the new agreement:

- The following data will now be distributed at no cost to users and subject to the Alberta Open Government Licence:
 - 1:20,000 Digital Elevation Model (DEM) Data
 - 1:20,000 Topographic Mapping Data
 - Alberta Township System (ATS) Data
 - Base Features Mapping Data
 - Medium/Small Scale Mapping Data
 - Municipal Boundary Data

The Open Government Licence provides the user with “a worldwide, royalty-free, perpetual, non-exclusive licence to use the Information, including for commercial purposes”. It allows entrepreneurs, industry, government and the public to use the data with almost no restriction. Please visit <http://data.alberta.ca/licence> for the conditions of this licence.

The no-cost data is available for download at the website of SDW’s private sector, joint venture partner, AltaLIS (www.altalis.com). All other data distributed by SDW through AltaLIS will be subject to existing licencing.

The new Mapping Data Agreement provides SDW with the flexibility to pursue new opportunities associated with expanded government and private sector datasets, new distribution channels, increasing the availability of open data and improve the customer experience.

Spatial Data Warehouse Ltd. is one of Alberta’s most successful public-private partnerships and provides leadership and governance to the licensing and distribution of spatial data. SDW is committed to initiatives that promote the quality, accessibility and financially sustainability of data in Alberta. SDW’s Board Members are Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC), Alberta Energy Regulator (AER), Alberta Chamber of Resources (ACR), Alberta Forest Products Association (AFPA), Alberta One Call, Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA), ATCO Gas, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP), Fortis Alberta, Government of Alberta and Telus.

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