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Getmapping win contract with Ordnance Survey to create aerial map of Scotland

Getmapping has won a new aerial mapping contract worth over £1/2million from Ordnance Survey to photograph Scotland from the air. Getmapping has been contracted to fly 60,000 square kilometres and create an orthorectified digital aerial map to be offered under licence as part of the Imagery Layer within OS MasterMapTM. The layer will cover the whole of Great Britain by 2004.

The digital aerial map will be created to Ordnance Survey's exacting specifications and will augment the aerial imagery of Scotland already commissioned from Getmapping in 2002. The award of this new contract will also enable Getmapping to complete its own Millennium Map by covering every inch of mainland Britain.

This new Scottish survey will extend to the Orkney and Shetland Islands, the inner and outer Hebrides, as well as every piece of offshore rock, including St Kilda and Rockall. It will cover 10,000 kilometres of coast. The Millennium Map continues to be the only complete national photographic dataset for both England and Wales.

OS MasterMap is Ordnance Survey's new generation of intelligent and definitive data containing an online service and the chance to select and customise from a growing list of layers. Imagery and a forthcoming integrated transport layer will supplement the first two layers, topography and addresses.

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