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**THE SOLUTION**

Delair-Tech decided to use its DT18 Mapper and DT18 Surveillance systems. The DT18 Mapper is indeed the perfect tool for high-resolution mapping, topography and surveying purposes, while the DT18 Surveillance is suited to leak detection and real-time surveillance that can be performed both day and night, and thus allows Oil & Gas companies to cover all their needs with a single platform. Renowned for its endurance (2 hours) and range (20 km with RF or 100 km with 3G), but also its reliability and safety, the DT18 is the most suitable and versatile lightweight UAV solution in the market for Oil & Gas companies.
THE OPERATION

The mission was divided into 3 different operations that took place in various locations in DRC. These operations consisted in the surveying of an onshore pipeline, the surveying of an offshore platform and the topography acquisition of a coastline. During this 4-day mission, more than 800 km were covered by the DT18 flying at different altitudes comprised between 80 m and 500 m AGL. Thanks to its high endurance and range, the whole mission was completed in only 17 flights despite harsh weather and environmental conditions.

DATA ANALYSIS

A few hours after the flights, the georeferenced images captured by the DT18 (RGB, multispectral and InfraRed video) were sent to the Delair-Analytics centre via satellite for processing and analysis. In order to meet Perenco’s needs and standards, various high-resolution deliverables (3-4 cm GSD) were provided, such as 3D point clouds, Digital Surface Model (DSM), Digital Terrain Model (DTM), orthomosaic and raw IR video. A more detailed analysis was then performed by Delair-Tech’s experts to provide a full report describing volume calculations, contour lines, pollution areas and pipeline anomalies (leaks, road crossings, abnormal bend, coating defaults, vegetation, etc.)

DELIVERABLES

The deliverables for Perenco were anomaly reports (pdf), tables with the quantities for every volume that was to be calculated (xls), georeferenced data on the GIS that is used by the operators of the site (geotiff), design of every pipeline that Perenco wanted to report (dxf) and georeference day&night videos for surveillance and monitoring of the site.

WHY DID THEY CHOOSE DELAIR-TECH

The unique capacity of Delair-Tech’s systems to fly far away from their control stations.

Key factors for Oil & Gas companies that need to be kept informed of the integrity of their infrastructures.

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