

## **Delta Drone and Bureau Veritas sign a strategic agreement to develop drone solutions together for agriculture in West Africa**

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Delta Drone and Bureau Veritas Afrique announce today the signature of a framework partnership agreement to develop solutions together for precision agriculture in Côte d'Ivoire and various other countries in West Africa.

The stated purpose is to consolidate Bureau Veritas' ground data (analyses of soil, leaves, roots, etc.) with aerial data acquired via drone by Delta Drone in order to develop a precision-farming product line.

This product line will specialize in servicing various plantations (rubber trees, banana trees, oil palms, etc.) and will allow for the delivery of information such as the number of trees, strength and homogeneity of plant development, identification of areas of vegetation stress, analysis of general health conditions, steering of fertilization and irrigation, etc.

A successful initial proof-of-concept phase was carried out jointly in June, on three different sites, which made it possible to show site managers the effectiveness and relevance of the solutions in question.



Concerning the signature of this partnership agreement, Marc Roussel, Senior Vice-President Africa of Bureau Veritas, said, “one of our goals, looking forward to 2020, is for Bureau Veritas to be a leading agri-food player in Africa. The development of precision agriculture will be an important step in implementing our growth plan in the agricultural sector. Today, precision agriculture is indispensable to minimize risk and maximize returns for growers. Bureau Veritas will take advantage of Delta Drone’s know-how and experience so that it can provide its clients with a more comprehensive service.”

For his part, Christian Viguié, Chairman and CEO of Delta Drone, said, “As a pioneer in the burgeoning sector of civilian drones for professional use, Delta Drone built a complete value chain in order to provide its clients with business solutions that consider the safety of people and property, and acquires aerial data and then processes and delivers it in a format adapted to client needs. In each sector it addresses, Delta Drone relies on partnerships with expert companies that are leaders in their field. In this respect, the collaboration with Bureau Veritas is perfectly in line with this tradition of excellence to serve the agricultural sector in Africa.”

**About Bureau Veritas:** Bureau Veritas is a world leader in laboratory testing, inspection and certification services. Created in 1828, the Group has 73,000 employees located in 1,400 offices and laboratories around the globe. Bureau Veritas helps its clients improve their performance by offering services and innovative solutions in order to ensure that their assets, products, infrastructure and processes meet standards and regulations in terms of quality, health and safety, environmental protection and social responsibility.

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**About Delta Drone:** The Delta Drone group is a leading player in the civilian drone sector for professional use. It develops a global service offering, from data acquisition to its computer processing, using a specifically developed information system, and including the provision of professional pilots. Delta Drone now operates on three continents through its subsidiaries (Europe, North America, Africa)

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