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Joint Investment in Satellite Data Services Co., Ltd. Expected to Accelerate Use of Diverse Satellite Data

Satellite data services will help resolve wide-ranging global issues

TOKYO, March 2, 2026 – Mitsubishi Electric Corporation, MUFG Bank, Ltd., Integrated Design & Engineering Holdings Co., Ltd. (ID&E), Kokusai Kogyo Co., Ltd., and ZENRIN Co., Ltd. announced today that they invested in Satellite Data Services Co., Ltd. (SDS) on February 27. Mitsubishi Electric, MUFG Bank, and ID&E increased their existing stakes through a third-party allotment of shares, while Kokusai Kogyo and ZENRIN invested in SDS for the first time. As a result, SDS has now transitioned into a fully operating company.

The Government of Japan is promoting the use of satellite data in public-sector operations through a task force that developed a basic policy for the future utilization of satellite data. This policy encourages ministries and agencies to proactively use satellite data for purposes including the strengthening of infrastructure and addressing global challenges. In addition, as part of a goal to establish a planned Disaster Management Agency within the fiscal year ending March 2027, the Cabinet approved a basic policy to strengthen Japan's disaster resilience through measures that include the use of satellite observation data to rapidly assess disaster-stricken areas.

SDS was established on a non-operating basis in June 2021 by a group of companies spanning the satellite-data value chain, including satellite development, operation, data analysis and consulting. SDS has been conducting studies and demonstrations in various areas, such as land and infrastructure management, rapid disaster assessment, and farmland and building management, aiming to develop and grow a market for satellite data utilization.

This latest round of SDS investment includes two new investors: Kokusai Kogyo and ZENRIN. Kokusai Kogyo uses geospatial information technologies to provide technical services for land management, disaster prevention and mitigation, infrastructure development, and environment and energy. ZENRIN uses high-precision geospatial information to develop various solutions.

Having transitioned to an operating company, SDS will now commercialize the studies and demonstrations it has undertaken to date. In collaboration with SDS, the five investing companies, which represent a wide range of satellite-related businesses, accelerate the real-world deployment of satellite data solutions, aiming to contribute to safety and stability by solving global problems through the use of satellite data.

Background and Initiatives of Each Company

Mitsubishi Electric

Utilizing its expertise in developing observation satellites and analyzing satellite data, Mitsubishi Electric is working to provide services that visualize changes in buildings, farmland and even greenhouse gas emissions. In collaboration with SDS, the company is promoting the establishment and operation of the Japan Disaster Charter* for disaster response. Through its additional investment in SDS, Mitsubishi Electric accelerates these initiatives and expands the adoption of satellite data services.

MUFG Bank

Through its participation in the SDS framework, MUFG Bank is creating new business models that combine satellite data and existing financial services. With its additional investment in SDS, the bank aims to accelerate SDS's business expansion, promote the use of satellite data and help resolve various global issues.

ID&E

ID&E, mainly through its subsidiary Nippon Koei Co., Ltd., develops businesses that use satellite data for various purposes, such as assessing flood and earthquake damage, implementing recovery and reconstruction measures during natural disasters, as well as monitoring rivers, roads and other infrastructure during normal times. Through its additional investment in SDS, ID&E plans to strengthen its collaboration with SDS, expand into overseas markets, and further enhance its contributions across diverse fields toward the creation of a resilient and sustainable future.

Kokusai Kogyo

Kokusai Kogyo uses geospatial information and satellite remote-sensing technologies to support digital-transformation initiatives and new businesses. Through its investment in SDS, the company will accelerate satellite data use for increasingly sophisticated purposes. By combining its deepening expertise in digital implementation with advanced technologies such as AI, Kokusai Kogyo will create more robust and reliable infrastructure by addressing issues such as climate change, decarbonization, disaster response and traceability.

ZENRIN

As a geospatial-information service company, ZENRIN's core business is to address various societal needs by providing vast amounts of data that is optimized with technologies for collecting, maintaining and updating highly accurate spatial information. Through its investment in SDS, ZENRIN will solve problems and create new value in an expanding range of fields. It will also help develop new business by leveraging its geospatial-information utilization technologies and nationwide network of bases.

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