LETTER OF INTENT (LoI)

BETWEEN

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR SPACE RESEARCH (INPE)

AND

THE UNIVERSITY OF SURREY (SURREY)

(Together jointly known as the Parties)

PARTIES

(1) THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR SPACE RESEARCH, a public research institute from the Brazilian Ministry of Science, Technology, Innovation and Communication, whose principal place of business is Av. Dos Astronautas, 1758, São José dos Campos, São Paulo, Brazil,

and

(2) UNIVERSITY OF SURREY, a University incorporated by Royal Charter whose principal place of business is Stag Hill, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 7XH, United Kingdom.

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 This LoI sets out the Parties’ intention to consider the establishment of joint activities in the area of earth observation, with particular reference to satellite-based information on the management of forests in Brazil. It is not intended to create legally binding obligations between the Parties.

1.2 The Parties shall enter into dialogue to consider the following:
   i. The identification of areas of possible mutual academic interest
   ii. The identification of potential research opportunities and initiatives, including:
       a. PhD research collaboration
       b. Joint funding proposals
       c. The organisation of workshops on research topics of mutual interest
   iii. Staff exchange

2.0 IMPLEMENTATION

Each party will nominate a coordinator who is responsible for ensuring effective communications between the Parties and to consider the activities set out in paragraph 1. Their full details are provided in Appendix 1 of this LoI.
3.0 FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The Parties will seek to identify areas of possible co-operation that will form the basis of separate and formal agreements outlining the obligations of each of the Parties and the quality assurance processes that will apply.

4.0 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

4.1 As part of any dialogue to co-operate between the Parties, it may be necessary for the Parties to disclose confidential information to each other. The Parties agree that paragraphs 5 and 6 govern the terms on which the Parties disclose such confidential information to each other.

4.2 Each party shall, at all times during the term of this LoI and for a period of two (2) years thereafter, keep confidential any confidential information (which for the purposes of this clause, shall be information that is disclosed to the other party and marked 'Confidential') received from the other party. Such confidential information will not be disclosed to any person, other than employees who need to know for the purpose of performing their functions, or which is obliged to be disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act or any similar legislation, without the consent of the owner of the confidential information.

5.0 RETURN OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Upon termination of this LoI for any reason, the Parties shall return all confidential information to the owner.

6.0 NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Parties agree that no person shall, on the grounds of any given protected characteristic of age, disability, race and ethnicity, gender, gender identity, religion or belief, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership, be excluded from participation under the terms of this LoI. Both Parties are also committed to eliminating unlawful discrimination within their organisation, advancing equality of opportunity and fostering good relations between those from different protected groups.

7.0 EFFECTIVE DATE, DURATION AND TERMINATION:

7.1. This Letter of Intent (LoI) shall take into effect upon signature by both Parties, and unless earlier terminated, will continue into effect for a period of three (3) years from that date.
7.2. This LoI may be renewed by mutual consent, confirmed in writing by both Parties.

7.3. This LoI may be terminated by either party by giving one (1) month notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the institutions have caused their duly authorised representatives to execute this LoI to be effective upon signature by both Parties hereto.

UNIVERSITY OF SURREY
Signed by Dr David Ashton, Vice-President and Registrar, for and on behalf of the University of Surrey

[Signature]
Date: 6/7/16

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR SPACE RESEARCH
Signed by Dr. Leonel Fernando Perondi, Director, for and on behalf of the National Institute for Space Research (INPE)

[Signature]
Date: 5/4/2016
Appendix 1

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