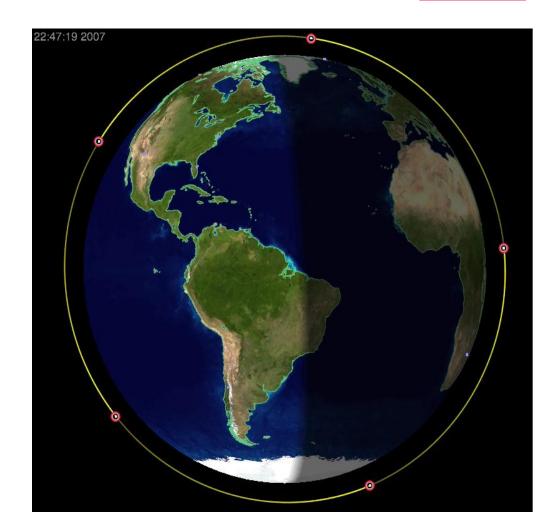
# Collaborative Thoughts in a Competitive World

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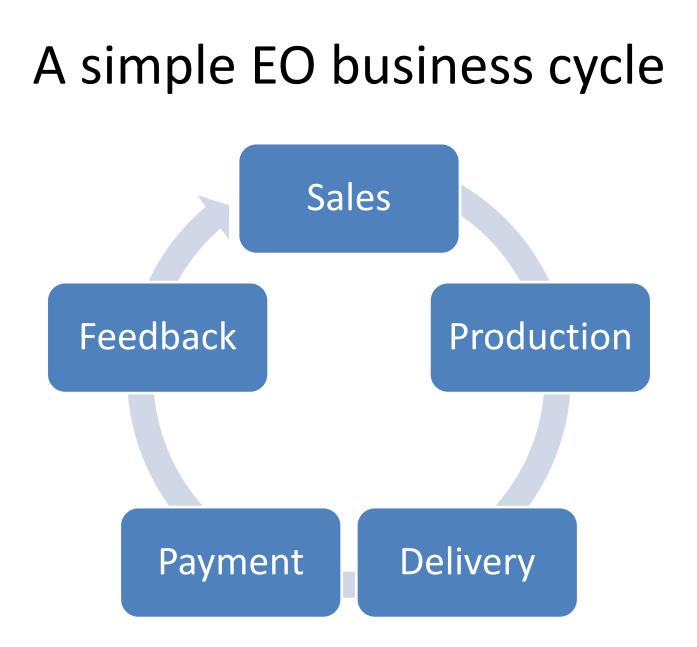
- A global imagery and service provider
- 5 satellite constellation
- 5 m imagery
- 5 bands (red edge)
- Empowering global landuse decisions



### Murray Darling River December 4, 2008







# Sales Paying today's bills

- National Space Agencies
- Ministry of Environment
- Ministry of Forestry
- Ministry of Cartography
- Ministry of Agriculture
- Ministry of Disaster Response

# **Our Business**

#### Increase sales

• Grow market (new customers, new markets)

• Increase market share (product substitution)

#### Create new products and services

- New products that add value to customers
- New services to make image access and analysis easier

#### Make it easier to buy and manage data

- New technologies (imagery as a service, cloud services)
- New ways to add value to partners and End Users

# **Businesses are Focused**

Vision/Mission

• To Enable Global Land Use Decisions

### Core capabilities/ competencies

- Highest quality data products
- Perfectly balanced mosaics
- New product development

#### **Business Models**

- Sales: RapidEye distributes through partners
- Business development: Strategic partnerships
- R&D: commercialize work done by others

# **Cooperation or Collaboration?**

## Cooperation

There is a clear goal in mind, but there are a number of cause/effect relationships. So you need the combined force of a team of people to achieve the goal.

## Collaboration

A group of people coming together, driven by mutual self interest, to constructively explore new possibilities and create something they couldn't do on their own.

Shawn Callahan, Infocus, May 2012

# **Collaboration and Cooperation**

**Business Development: Collaboration** 

**R&D:** Collaboration and Cooperation

**Societal Obligations: Cooperation** 

# **Business Collaboration**

## **Public Private Partnerships**

- Many different forms
- Advance government agendas while supporting needs of organizations
- RapidEye science Archive with DLR
- Very successful and very important

### **Business to Business Partnerships**

- Advance needs of two commercial groups
- Not a buy sell type of relationship

# Corporate R&D Collaboration and Cooperation

#### Purpose

- Support Product sales (applications)
- Develop new products within Mission and Core Competency
- Support internal processes
- Manage External scientific relationships

#### Cooperate

- Enable those doing basic research
- Develop ideas that merit commercialization

#### Collaborate

- National Level
- Institutional level
- Personal level

## Societal Support: A Corporate Responsibility Cooperation

### Organized Requests: UN Charter

- We participate through DLR and German Government
- First to deliver data after tsunami in Japan

#### Ad Hoc requests: Disaster Support

• Specific requests from our partners. Example flood monitoring in Queensland

#### Ad Hoc Requests: Miscellaneous

- Governments with needs
- Organizations with needs
- Individuals with needs

# **Observations and Conclusions**

- Collaboration and cooperation are the life blood of any organization
- We do this to grow, to share and to contribute
- We collaborate to achieve what cannot be done alone. We cooperate to achieve a common goal.
- Talk to us and work with us