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Gatewing Joins Drone Alliance Europe

Alliance Welcomes Prominent Industry Voice, Announces Release of UTM and Spectrum White Papers

June 9, 2016 – Drone Alliance Europe (DAE) is pleased to announce new member Gatewing, a Trimble Company. Headquartered in Ghent, Belgium, Gatewing is an established leader in drone terrain mapping and surveying.

Peter Cosyn, Gatewing's co-founder and director of R&D said: "As a pioneer in drone mapping technology, we recognize the importance of a safe, flexible and a future-proof drone regulation in Europe. Gatewing strongly supports the work of the Alliance to help regulators reach this goal."

DAE Executive Director Andrew Charlton said: "Gatewing joins the Alliance at the crucial time. Right now the European institutions are focused on drone policy. We need smart rules that allow beyond line of sight and autonomous operations and cutting edge testing across Europe. Gatewing brings their deep experience in operations and manufacturing that will propel this work forward. Together we will build the future."

Drone Alliance Europe also announced today the release of white papers on traffic management and spectrum for drones. Both provide policymakers a framework to ensure the long term growth of Europe's drone industry. The European Parliament and the Council of the European Union are considering amendments to the European Commission's proposed revision of the EASA Basic Regulation. The new rules could enable a common approach to drone traffic management, geofencing, and other components essential to Europe's leadership in the global drone industry.

Gatewing, founded in 2008, launched the first turnkey unmanned aircraft system (UAS) for terrain mapping and surveying. Acquired by Trimble Navigation in April 2012, the company then released an upgraded UAS device that incorporates leading office software for image processing.

Drone Alliance Europe advocates for Europe's fast growing commercial drone industry before political leaders, regulators and the public. Gatewing NV joins existing DAE members Altitude Angel, Amazon Prime Air, Delft Aerial Robotics, ParaZero, and Unifyly.

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