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# Preface

We proudly present the fifth edition of the Arab-German Yearbook—Construction and Consulting. As in previous editions ground-breaking projects of Arab-German cooperation in the field of construction and consulting are taken into the focus which state eloquent examples of the quality of Arab-German business relations.

The Arab countries reaching from the Moroccan Atlantic coast to the Gulf of Oman are at different stages of industrial development and, therefore, offer a broad range of opportunities for German companies: from the provision of basic infrastructure like railways and water treatment to creative architectural designs. About \$100 bn is forecasted to be awarded on projects in the infrastructure sector in the GCC countries in 2014. Saudi Arabia projects about \$55 bn of contract awards, Kuwait and the UAE about \$33 bn-worth projects each, and Qatar will also be a major market with many planned projects for the upcoming 2022 World Cup. The Housing Complex in Basmaya with a contract value of \$8 bn in Iraq or the Egyptian project New Giza worth \$1.8 bn are just some of many construction projects in the Arab world.

Obviously, Arab countries are considering German companies as reliable partners with respect to design and implementation of projects and are inviting them to contribute to the continuing economic growth process. Due to their unique and globally renowned experience and know-how, German engineers, architects and constructors have a considerable impact on the way of construction in the Arab world. Jointly accomplished projects illustrate the continuing intensification of the cooperation between Arab and German partners which is characterized by mutual understanding and high benefits for both partners.

The success stories presented in this book encourage us to pursue our goal of flourishing Arab-German business relations and inspire us in our daily work. Based on its invaluable heritage and its commitment, the Ghorfa Arab-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry has a powerful network consisting of both institutional and entrepreneurial decision-makers from the Arab countries and from Germany. As the competence center for business relations between Germany and the Arab world, the Ghorfa promotes and strengthens business relations between Germany and the Arab countries in the fields of trade, industry, finance, and investment. The Working Group "Infrastructure, Construction and Transport" meets regularly in Germany and in the Arab world to facilitate Arab-German cooperation in this field. It offers a valuable platform to share information, exchange experiences and to facilitate cooperation.

This Arab-German Yearbook would not have been possible without the contribution of numerous German companies considerably engaged in the Arab world. We sincerely thank Ms Rafaela Aguilera Alvarez for her commitment and dedication to this publication and all matters of the working group. We also would like to thank Ms Petra Reisdorf, Ms Traudl Kupfer and Ms Stefanie Lehmann for their work and effort to realize this book project.

We hope you enjoy reading this book and wish you many new and fascinating insights, ideas for your own future business activities and inspirations for further reference projects in Arab-German business relations.

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# Djibouti



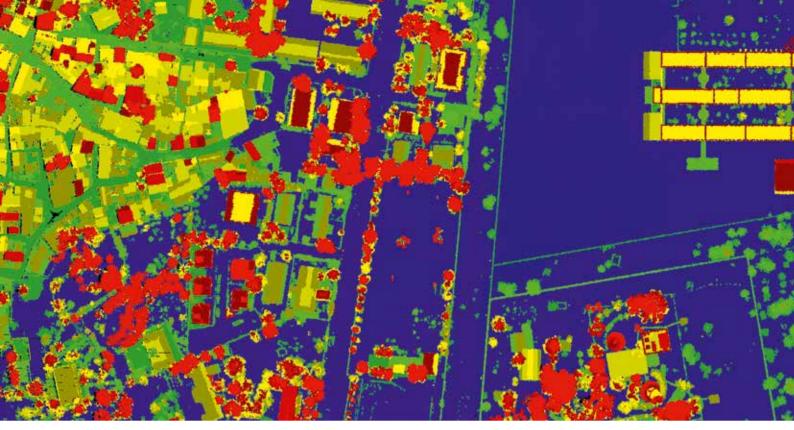
Country Name: Republic of Djibouti

**Population:** 0.79 million Land Area: 23,200 km<sup>2</sup>

Currency: Djibouti Franc (DJF), 1 DJF = 100 Centimes

Capital: Djibouti

Languages: Arabic, French (official)



Laser data colored by elevation

# Airborne LiDAR Survey for the Design of Two Railway Alignments in Djibouti

# Hansa Luftbild AG

The economic development of any country requires a reliable, fully functioning infrastructure, including road/rail networks, seaports/airports, and telecommunications. Djibouti is well positioned on the Horn of Africa, to be a center of trading activities, and therefore, has developed Doraleh Port in Djibouti city and Tajourah Port in the north.

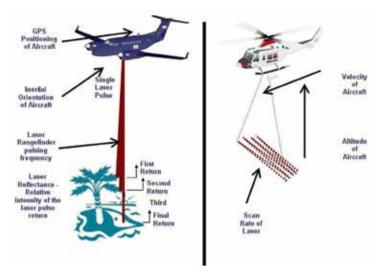
These two ports were developed because they are strategically located for the sea freight business; the state of Djibouti is situated at the center of the Europe-Far East sea route, the second largest sea route in the world. In addition, these ports are able to service the landlocked country of Ethiopia, the second most populous country in Sub-Saharan Africa. Currently all goods, arriving at ports within Djibouti, destined for Ethiopia, are transported on trucks. It is 700 km from Djibouti Port to the Ethiopian dry port at Modjo. Modjo is located 70 km from Addis Ababa. The road requires continuous maintenance to keep the flow of goods running without interruption. A better alternative would be a railway link between the two cities since this

would streamline the transfer of goods, would be able to transport passengers, and at the same time would be environmentally friendly.

Djibouti and Ethiopia have been linked by a single narrow gauge rail line since the 19th century, however, the route is old and in many parts non-operational. In 2010, Ethiopia embarked on planning and constructing a double track railway line between Addis Ababa and Djibouti city. The railway line is being constructed to international standards. Once the railway line is constructed, it will reduce the travel time from Djibouti to Addis Ababa by more than half and will greatly contribute to the economic development of the Ethiopian hinterland.



Location of the two alignments (red: southern alignment; blue: northern alignment)



Airborne LiDAR with multiwave rangefinder and GPS positioning.

# **Project details**

In 2011, Hansa Luftbild, an ISO 9001 certified mapping and GIS company, signed an agreement with the Ministère de l'Èquipment et des Transports (MET) of the Republic of Djibouti to perform an aerial survey for railway construction in Djibouti. The survey covered two planned railway alignments using laser scanning (LiDAR) technology. The result of the survey was used for a feasibility study and the preliminary design of the railway lines.

One alignment was in the south of the country, the other in the north. The southern alignment was to connect Dewele on the Ethiopian border with Doraleh Port in Djibouti city, while the northern alignment should connect Elidar on the Ethiopian-Djiboutian border with Tajourah Port in Djibouti. The total length of the two alignments was around 265 km. The corridor width surveyed and mapped in 3D for each alignment was 500 m.

The MET's decision to opt for laser scanning (LiDAR) technology was based on considerations of accuracy and the speed with which results could be obtained. The MET also chose LiDAR technology because it wanted to connect the results of the Djibouti survey to the results of an aerial survey previously carried out for the Ethiopian Railways Corporation (ERC). In 2009/2010. Hansa Luftbild had aerially surveyed seven planned alignments totaling 5,060 km in Ethiopia. These are now under development and some are being constructed, using the same laser scanning technology. Two of these alignments will connect at Dewele and Elidar to the two alignments planned for Djibouti.

# Technology description

LiDAR technology consists of a high-accuracy laser range finder, which is mounted over an opening in an aircraft or helicopter. The range finder scans beneath the helicopter or aircraft, producing a wide swath over which the distance to the ground is measured. The angle at which the laser is scanned is also measured. High precision measurement devices in combination with the global positioning system (GPS) technology record the position of the aircraft or helicopter during data acquisition.

The laser scanning method of aerial surveying can be used in adverse meteorological conditions and is able to penetrate vegetation.

Laser scanning technology is often used when new alignments are planned or designed, or existing ones are to be modernized or upgraded. The technology is not solely confined to road or railway alignments, but can also be applied to the mapping of existing or planned high tension power lines, to managing flood plains as well as to the monitoring and management of open pit mines. In some cases, it is also used as a major input for the production of 3D city models.

Every laser acquisition project has different requirements, hence, it must be carefully planned to meet the customer's exact specifications. The Djibouti alignments were subject to high quality control standards in their planning, execution and final checking to ensure successful data capture and processing.

# **Project steps**

The MET supplied the contractor with the final coordinates of the track alignments in October 2011.

The project consisted of the following steps:

- ground control points survey and determination
- airborne data acquisition
- data processing, orthophoto production and 3D mapping
- production of a video animation

# **Ground control**

Ground control points were determined, surveyed and marked on the ground prior to the flight missions. The ground control points were used to tie the laser point clouds to the coordinates system on the ground and obtain the required aerial survey accuracy, which was specified at 10 cm and better. A total of 25 ground control points and two reference surfaces were established and surveyed along the alignments.

# Airborne data acquisition

In December 2011, the German contractor mobilized its aircraft and laser system to Djibouti to acquire the airborne data. The acquisition of data for the two alignments was carried out over a period of four days in the same month. Each of the two alignments was planned and flown in order to deliver a point density of around nine points per square meter.

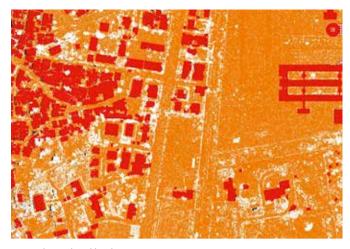
In addition to the laser data more than 5,000 aerial images covering the two alignments were captured. Following the airborne acquisition of data, all data was encrypted and saved on external hard drives, which were sent to Germany for processing.

# Data processing

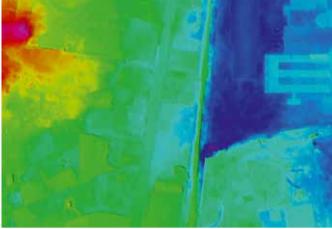
After the arrival of the data at the company's headquarters in Germany, the raw laser data was pre-processed, calibrated and geo-coded. In parallel to the laser data pre-processing, the aerial images were converted from their raw format to TIFF. In addition, the digital camera was post-flight calibrated in order to obtain better input parameters for orthophoto production.

Marking and surveying ground control points with GPS





Laser data colored by class



Digital Terrain Model

After the raw data pre-processing, the laser data was prepared for classification. Specialized software was used to classify the laser data into ground and non-ground points. In order to support the classification process, rectified aerial imagery was used as a backdrop to ensure that the classification of each laser point was correct. The heights of the laser points were adjusted to the ground using those ground control points that had been surveyed at the beginning of the project. Once this work had been completed, the Digital Terrain Model (DTM) and the Digital Surface Model (DSM) were generated.

A total of 1,588,152,625 laser points were processed covering an area of 154,600,865 square meters. This resulted in an average point density of 10.27 points per square meter.

# Orthophoto production

Aerial image blocks were established for each of the two alignments and were adjusted using specialized software. These blocks and the DTM provided the input for the production of digital orthophotos. The accuracy of the orthophotos was checked against the project specifications, using the ground control points.

Orthophotos with 10 cm ground resolution were produced and delivered for each of the two alignments.

Digital Surface Model



3D mapping from laser data and orthophotos



# 3D mapping

One of the largest component of the project, apart from airborne data acquisition, was the 3D mapping of objects and features. The topography was vectorized, ie mapped, using the laser data and the orthophotos. The legend for the features which were mapped was identical to that used in the Ethiopian Railways Corporation project and consisted of 51 feature types including buildings, roads, railway lines, power lines, land-use, trees, etc. The mapped features were later processed by a geographic information system (GIS) and delivered as a geodatabase to the MET.

# Production of video animation

Due to the importance of the southern alignment, a 3D video animation consisting of a fly-through over the entire line was produced. The video provides a bird's-eye view of the alignment and a realistic impression of the terrain on which the railway line will be constructed.

# Time-frame and resources

The project was completed within a period of five months by a team consisting of more than 50 engineers and technicians, who worked according to rigorous quality control procedures.

After the project completion, the results of the project were handed over to the Minister of Equipment and Transport in Djibouti.



Digital orthophoto

# Conclusion

The utilization of modern technology enables a country to quickly obtain geodata to support the development of its infrastructure.



Tarek Zein International Director Hansa Luftbild AG

Handover of the final project report to HE Mohammed Moussa Ibrahim Balala, the Minister of Equipment and Transport, Mr. Tarek Zein, Hansa Luftbild Project Director, and Mr. Mohammed Khaireh Robleh, MET Project Manager



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The Business and Investment in Qatar Forum was held under the patronage of H. E. Sheikh Hamad Bin Jassim Al Thani, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs for the State of Qatar in April 2013.

The Iraqi delegation at the 3rd Iraqi-German Business and Investment Forum in February 2014 was headed by H. E. Rowsch Nuri Shaways, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq.



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The Ghorfa operates under the umbrella of the General Union of Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture for Arab Countries and represents all Arab Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Germany. Our chamber works closely with the Arab embassies in Germany, the Arab League and related governmental bodies in the Arab states. It is part of the worldwide organisation of Arab foreign Chambers of Commerce and Industry. The Ghorfa cooperates with German governmental bodies on federal and regional level and the most important German industrial associations.

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