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**LINEARVISION AWARDED HYDRO ONE TRANSMISSION LINE  
GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM PROJECT**

**SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, October 21, 2002** - LinearVision, LLC, the premier provider of advanced airborne videography and remote sensing services for the utility, railroad, transportation and environmental industries, was awarded the Hydro One Networks, Inc. (HONI) Transmission Line Geographic Information System (TLGIS) contract to provide a low-level aerial survey and inventory of HONI's transmission and right-of-way assets throughout the province of Ontario.

LinearVision was contracted to collect oblique digital video, orthogonal survey imagery, and high resolution still photographs of approximately 21,000 kilometers of line and 90,000 transmission structures. Attribute data tables linked to HONI's Geographic Information System (GIS) will be provided for transmission structures, transmission line section centerlines, conductor sections, line devices, non-conductor cables, right-of-way vegetation conditions, transmission station locations, obstructions along the right-of-way, and access restrictions. At the completion of this project, HONI will have easy desktop access to the high resolution digital video, still imagery and associated database information, which will augment HONI's information support for both engineering and operations/maintenance activities.

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Mr. Al Naumann, LinearVision's President, stated, "LinearVision's products and services will greatly enhance HONI's ability to improve the safety, reliability, and performance of its mission-critical high voltage delivery system. We understand the pressure that utility companies face today, both political and otherwise, to improve the reliability and performance of their transmission assets. We also understand the realities of today's economy and the ongoing demands within utilities to increase efficiencies in an attempt to reduce operations and maintenance costs. We believe that our solution is the only solution that will provide HONI the opportunity to address both of these concerns."

Using the most advanced technology available in the industry today, LinearVision produces the most informative imagery data using a mix of oblique video and high resolution digital still images that are acquired utilizing an advanced low-level aerial capture methodology. This imagery and its associated database information are presented in a fully digital package for easy playback on any standard computer or GIS. By designing the entire system to be modular and highly automated, LinearVision's detailed asset inventory and inspections can be performed at a fraction of the cost of more traditional and restrictive methods, which can often yield inconsistent and unreliable results. As a result, HONI will enjoy a healthy increase in benefits from a full aerial asset inventory and inspection.

### About LinearVision, LLC

LinearVision, a subsidiary of Apex Data Services, Inc., specializes in low-level, high-resolution airborne videography and remote sensing services for the utility, railroad, transportation and environmental industries. Service and product offerings include airborne asset inventory and inspections, right-of-way condition assessment, integrated desktop viewing software, and GIS database integration. LinearVision's featured technology offers the most advanced aerial low-level surveys, digital high-resolution video, integrated digital still images, DGPS survey, airborne laser ground surveys, and optional Infrared inspections available in the industry today. Established in 2000, the company has offices in San Antonio, Texas and Victoria, BC, Canada. Visit LinearVision on the World Wide Web at [www.apexinc.com](http://www.apexinc.com).

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