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## REPORT OF CALIBRATION of Aerial Mapping Camera

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**Camera type:** Wild RC30\*      **Camera serial no.:** 5227  
**Lens type:** Wild Normal Aviotar/4-S      **Lens serial no.:** 17118  
**Nominal focal Length:** 305 mm      **Maximum aperture:** f/4  
**Test aperture:** f/6.6\*\*

**Submitted by:** Selkirk Remote Sensing Ltd.  
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**Reference:** Selkirk Remote Sensing Ltd. purchase order No. 2867, dated February 27, 2009.

These measurements were made on Agfa glass plates, 0.19 inch thick, with spectroscopic emulsion type APX Panchromatic, developed in D-19 at 68° F for 3 minutes with continuous agitation. These photographic plates were exposed on a multicollimator camera calibrator using a white light source rated at approximately 5200K.

### I. Calibrated Focal Length:      302.945 mm

This measurement is considered accurate within 0.005 mm

### II. Radial Distortion:

| Field angle | $\bar{D}_C$   | $D_C$ for azimuth angle |               |               |               |
|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|             |               | 0° A-C                  | 90° A-D       | 180° B-D      | 270° B-C      |
| degrees     | $\mu\text{m}$ | $\mu\text{m}$           | $\mu\text{m}$ | $\mu\text{m}$ | $\mu\text{m}$ |
| 7.5         | -2            | 0                       | -3            | -2            | -3            |
| 15          | -1            | 2                       | -5            | 1             | -1            |
| 22.7        | 1             | 1                       | 2             | 1             | 0             |

The radial distortion is measured for each of four radii of the focal plane separated by 90° in azimuth. To minimize plotting error due to distortion, a full least-squares solution is used to determine the calibrated focal length.  $\bar{D}_C$  is the average distortion for a given field angle. Values of distortion  $D_C$  based on the calibrated focal length referred to the calibrated principal point (point of symmetry) are listed for azimuths 0°, 90°, 180°, and 270°. The radial distortion is given in micrometers and indicates the radial displacement away from the center of the field. These measurements are considered accurate within 5 $\mu\text{m}$ .

\* Equipped with Forward Motion Compensation

\*\* Limitation imposed by collimator aperture

**III. Lens Resolving Power in cycles/mm**

Area-weighted average resolution: 78

| <u>Field angle:</u> | <u>0°</u> | <u>7.5°</u> | <u>15°</u> | <u>22.7°</u> |
|---------------------|-----------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| Radial Lines        | 81        | 96          | 81         | 68           |
| Tangential Lines    | 81        | 96          | 81         | 58           |

The resolving power is obtained by photographing a series of test bars and examining the resultant image with appropriate magnification to find the spatial frequency of the finest pattern in which the bars can be counted with reasonable confidence. The series of patterns has spatial frequencies from 2.5 to 135 cycles/mm in a geometric series having a ratio of the 4th root of 2. Radial lines are parallel to a radius from the center of the field, and tangential lines are perpendicular to a radius.

**IV. Filter Parallelism**

The two surfaces of the Wild 525 filter No. 7443 accompanying this camera are within 10 seconds of being parallel. This filter was used for the calibration.

**V. Shutter Calibration**

| <u>Indicated Time</u><br><u>(sec)</u> | <u>Rise Time</u><br><u>(μ sec)</u> | <u>Fall Time</u><br><u>(μ sec)</u> | <u>½ Width Time</u><br><u>(ms)</u> | <u>Nom. Speed</u><br><u>(sec)</u> | <u>Efficiency</u><br><u>(%)</u> |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1/125                                 | 1235                               | 1260                               | 8.69                               | 1/130                             | 91                              |
| 1/250                                 | 654                                | 660                                | 4.60                               | 1/240                             | 91                              |
| 1/500                                 | 334                                | 340                                | 2.34                               | 1/470                             | 91                              |
| 1/1000                                | 171                                | 172                                | 1.19                               | 1/920                             | 91                              |

The effective exposure times were determined with the lens at aperture f/4. The method is considered accurate within 3 percent. The technique used is described in International Standard ISO 516:1999(E).

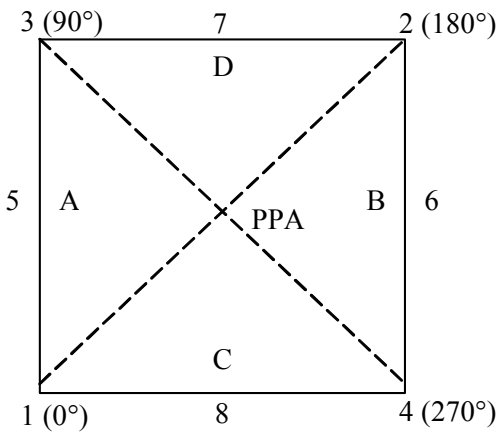
**VI. Film Platen**

The platen mounted in Wild drive unit No. 5227 does not depart from a true plane by more than 13 μm (0.0005 in).

This camera is equipped with a platen identification marker that will register "593" in the data strip area for each exposure.

**VII. Principal Point and Fiducial Mark Coordinates**

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Positions of all points are referenced to the principal point of autocollimation (PPA) as origin. The diagram indicates the orientation of the reference points when the camera is viewed from the back, or a contact positive with the emulsion up. The data strip is to the left.

|  | <u>X coordinate (mm)</u> | <u>Y coordinate (mm)</u> |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Indicated principal point, corner fiducials    | 0.026                    | -0.002                   |
| Indicated principal point, midside fiducials   | 0.024                    | -0.002                   |
| Principal point of autocollimation (PPA)       | 0.000                    | 0.000                    |
| Calibrated principal point (point of symmetry) | -0.002                   | -0.004                   |
| <u>Fiducial Marks</u>                          |                          |                          |
| 1  | -105.985                 | -106.002                 |
| 2  | 106.036                  | 105.997                  |
| 3  | -105.967                 | 105.995                  |
| 4  | 106.020                  | -106.002                 |
| 5  | -111.974                 | -0.002                   |
| 6  | 112.024                  | -0.001                   |
| 7  | 0.033                    | 111.992                  |
| 8  | 0.014                    | -112.002                 |

**VIII. Distances Between Fiducial marks**

|  |                 |                 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Corner fiducials (diagonals)                         | 1-2: 299.827 mm | 3-4: 299.801 mm |
| Lines joining these markers intersect at an angle of | 90° 00' 07"     |                 |
| Midside fiducials                                    | 5-6: 223.998 mm | 7-8: 223.994 mm |
| Lines joining these markers intersect at an angle of | 89° 59' 42"     |                 |
| Corner fiducials (perimeter)                         | 1-3: 211.996 mm | 2-3: 212.003 mm |
|  | 1-4: 212.005 mm | 2-4: 211.999 mm |

The Method of measuring these distances is considered accurate within 0.003 mm

**Note:** For GPS applications, the nominal entrance pupil distance from the focal plane is 314mm.

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