



**Zurich, 10 June 2013** - PERILS AG, the independent Zurich-based company providing industry-wide catastrophe insurance data, has today announced the release of satellite-based flood footprints for the ongoing floods in Central Europe which are affecting mainly Germany, Austria and the Czech Republic. The images, which PERILS will update over the duration of the floods, are based on radar and optical satellite data, and cover the Danube and Vltava-Elbe river basins.

Daily flood snapshots will be produced to facilitate the immediate assessment of the possible impact of the events. In addition, after the floods, a map showing the maximum extent of the flooding will be produced.

The flood footprints are in a geo-coded format and can be easily combined with other geo-coded data such as insured exposure information.

The images are part of the trial phase of a project to provide satellite-based flood footprints to the insurance industry and are sponsored by the European Space Agency. The map data are produced by SERTIT and Vista, companies offering Remote Sensing services. PERILS acts as the distribution platform for the data.

The satellite-based flood footprints can be viewed and downloaded free of charge from the PERILS website at [www.perils.org/web/products/earth-observation](http://www.perils.org/web/products/earth-observation).

Commenting on the release of the images, Eduard Held, Head of Products at PERILS, said: "We sincerely hope that the flood footprint information provided by PERILS will assist the industry in managing the consequences of the flood events currently impacting Central Europe. Our aim is to provide data which is of high relevance to the industry as a whole and which contributes to the better management and understanding of natural catastrophe risk."

## **About PERILS**

PERILS is an independent Zurich-based organisation providing industry-wide natural catastrophe exposure and claims data. The PERILS Industry Exposure & Loss Database is available to all interested parties via annual subscription. The database contains industry property sums insured and loss information for twelve European countries on a CRESTA zone level and per property line of business. PERILS industry loss estimates, provided via the PERILS Industry Loss Index Service, can be used as triggers in insurance risk transactions such as industry loss warranty contracts (ILW) or insurance-linked securities (ILS). The use of PERILS exposure and loss data other than in conjunction with a valid PERILS License and according to its terms, by a Licensee or an Authorized User as defined in the License, is illegal and expressly forbidden.

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