



## **SPECS soars to new heights**

***Canada's largest property consulting firm has received national drone certification.***



SPECS Limited (Specialized Property Evaluation Control Services) is pleased to announce that on October 10, 2018 it received a nationwide standing Special Flight Operations Certificate (SFOC) from Transport Canada, having met all of Transport Canada's requirements. As Canada's leading provider of property damage appraisal and consulting services, SPECS is the first national consulting firm in Canada to hold this designation.

Achieving this certificate means that SPECS can fly drones anywhere in the country, in both rural or urban areas, from any one of our 19 offices in Canada. The SFOC will allow us to deliver short-notice, low-altitude, precise and cost-effective property inspections. Our pilots can now easily inspect large commercial loss sites, damaged high-rise buildings and hazardous or hard to access sites, all while remaining safe during the process. Having drone inspection capability will also greatly increase the efficiency of our storm and hail teams, and extend the inspection season, as drones can fly long after frost halts traditional manual examinations.

SPECS has spent the past year researching, testing and acquiring the best drone equipment and technology, as well as training its own in-house drone pilots. Also, by equipping these drones with IMGING™ software by Drone Software Canada Inc. we have access to the most advanced drone capabilities, including automated flight controls, automatic damage detection, sub-centimeter image resolutions, precise roof measuring and 3D renderings. In addition, we can collect site data very rapidly and upload directly from the drone to our own systems, resulting in much quicker reporting timelines.

"SPECS has always been a leader when it comes to innovation in our field and drone technology appears to be the future approach for insurance loss inspections," said Andrew Ross, SPECS Chief Operating Officer. "At SPECS we are embracing this technology and have no doubt it will help us provide greater value and service to our clients."

### **About SPECS**

For 23 years SPECS has been Canada's leading provider of property loss appraisal and consulting services. SPECS delivers highly specialized consulting services to private and public organizations. Our team conducts building and content damage appraisals, administers construction cost-control, and accelerates the insurance claim process.

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