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Computer Vision and Geospatial AI for Real-Estate and Infrastructure Diligence

A decision-grade evidence architecture for Gulf infrastructure investors and real-estate sponsors

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ABSTRACT

Background. Physical-asset diligence combines observations from parcels, buildings, corridors, surveys, imagery, models and time. **Objective.** This paper develops a controlled architecture for computer-vision and geospatial-AI support to real-estate and infrastructure diligence. **Approach.** The analysis reviews 35 primary laws, official standards, mission specifications, professional sources and technical studies available through 1 August 2026. **Findings.** A model output should remain an observation candidate until source rights, place, time, lineage, validation, uncertainty and named review are preserved. The accountable productivity unit is a quality-adjusted accepted diligence observation packet. **Implications.** Infrastructure investors can use the framework for screening, monitoring and exception routing. Developers can use it for financing readiness and controlled reporting. Attributed revenue, cost reduction and loss reduction remain USD 0 until approved observed attribution exists.

Highlights

Unit. A quality-adjusted accepted diligence observation packet connects productivity to reviewable evidence.

Identity. Every observation retains asset, geometry, coordinate reference system and time.

Boundary. Model output supports professional review and does not establish title, structural condition, value or investment action.

Validation. Test sets should separate assets, projects and geographies and report critical-class errors.

Economics. All scenarios are illustrative; commercial attribution remains zero without approved observed evidence.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Real-estate and infrastructure diligence depends on observations that are distributed across parcels, buildings, transport corridors, utilities, construction sites and time. Investment teams combine title and planning material, engineering surveys, condition reports, photographs, satellite or aerial imagery, financial models, environmental work and management representations. A site visit can reveal a physical condition. It cannot, by itself, reconstruct a five-year change history or compare hundreds of distant assets on the same date. An image can reveal a visible feature. It cannot, by itself, establish ownership, structural integrity, planning compliance or value.

Computer vision and geospatial artificial intelligence can help teams organise this evidence. Models can detect candidate buildings and roads, segment land cover, compare images across dates, prioritise construction-progress exceptions, extract measurements from controlled imagery and connect observations to mapped assets. These capabilities can reduce repetitive visual search and allow a qualified reviewer to focus on exceptions. They can also create false precision when coordinate reference systems, acquisition dates, spatial resolution, licensing, ground truth, model scope and uncertainty are not preserved.

This paper develops an operating framework for **Computer Vision and Geospatial AI for Real-Estate and Infrastructure Diligence**. The primary ideal customer profile is A4, Infrastructure & Digital-Infrastructure Investors: capital providers evaluating data-centre, energy-transition and real-asset infrastructure opportunities in the Gulf. The secondary profile is B1, UAE/GCC Real Estate Developers & Sponsors: capital seekers raising debt, mezzanine or joint-venture equity, or monetising assets. These profiles were verified from Matchpoint Partners' live ICP Legend on 1 August 2026.

The accountable unit of productivity is a **quality-adjusted accepted diligence observation packet**. A packet contains an asset identifier, decision purpose, permitted source, place and time reference, transformation history, model output, uncertainty, corroboration, reviewer decision and final disposition. Images processed, pixels classified and alerts produced are operating statistics. Accepted packets connect effort to evidence that a named professional can use, challenge and reproduce.

Six propositions organise the analysis. First, a model output is an observation candidate rather than a legal, engineering, valuation or investment conclusion. Second, every observation should retain its source, licence, coordinate reference system, acquisition time, spatial resolution and processing lineage. Third, validation should match the asset class, geography, sensor, season and decision. Fourth, spatial and temporal alignment should be tested before change is interpreted. Fifth, automation depth should rise only when error tolerance, reversibility and reviewer capacity support it. Sixth, productivity and commercial value should be measured through representative shadow pilots; attributed revenue, cost reduction and loss reduction remain USD 0 until approved observed attribution exists.

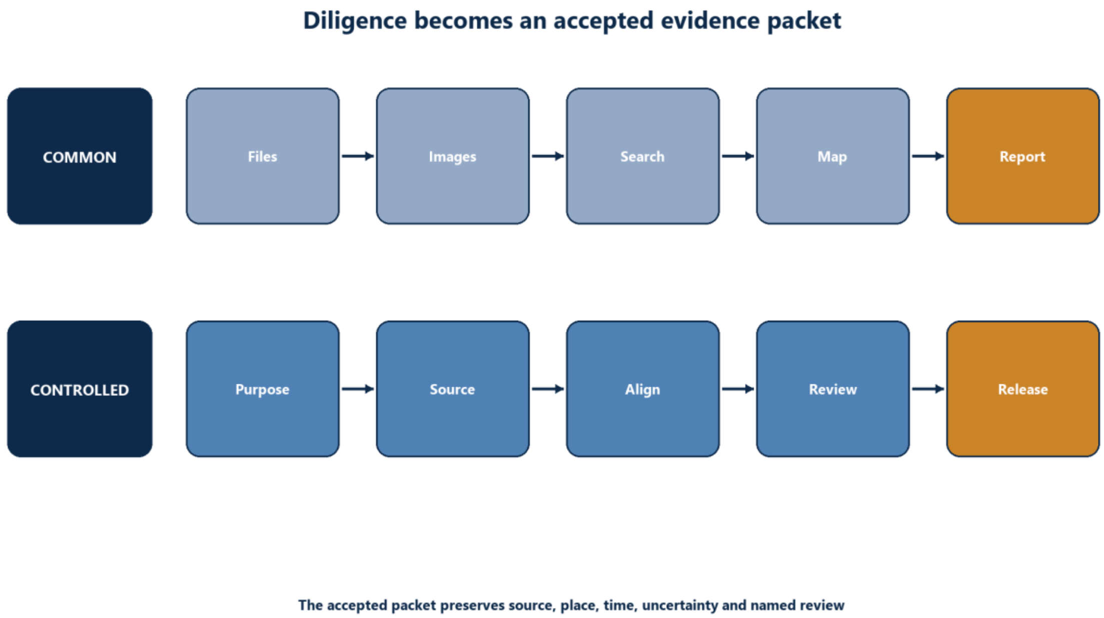

Figure 1. Before and after diligence workflow

Source: Matchpoint framework.

The evidence cut-off is 1 August 2026. The analysis uses primary laws, official standards, official mission documentation, regulator material, professional standards and primary technical research. It contains no Matchpoint client dataset, asset file, licensed commercial-imagery sample or completed pilot. All worked economics and thresholds are explicitly illustrative management assumptions. Legal, regulatory, engineering, surveying, environmental, privacy, valuation, procurement and investment determinations remain with appropriately qualified owners.

The contribution is practical. Sections 2 and 3 define the evidence boundary and source stack. Section 4 maps use cases for A4 and B1. Section 5 explains the technical methods and their failure modes. Section 6 specifies validation and uncertainty. Section 7 sets out an auditable architecture. Section 8 defines measurement and illustrative economics. Section 9 covers legal, data and professional boundaries. Sections 10 and 11 provide A4 and B1 playbooks and a gated roadmap. Sections 12 and 13 state limitations and conclusions. Appendices provide packet fields, procurement questions, pilot scorecards and stop conditions.

2. SCOPE, DEFINITIONS AND EVIDENCE BOUNDARIES

2.1 What counts as geospatial AI in this paper

Geospatial AI combines statistical or machine-learning methods with data that carry a location, extent, coordinate reference system and usually a time. Computer vision is the subset that extracts or compares visual features. Inputs can include satellite imagery, aerial imagery, drone surveys, street-level imagery, LiDAR point clouds, synthetic-aperture radar, thermal or multispectral imagery, engineering drawings, building-information models and mapped sensor observations.

The source determines what can be observed. Optical satellite data record reflected energy in specified spectral bands. Synthetic-aperture radar records microwave backscatter and can operate through cloud and without sunlight; interpretation depends on geometry, surface roughness and processing [9]. LiDAR estimates three-dimensional geometry from emitted light returns. Aerial and drone imagery can support high-resolution photogrammetry when capture, control and processing meet the required specification. Street-level imagery provides a different angle and coverage pattern. Building-information models are designed information containers rather than observations of current physical condition.

Term	Operational meaning	Evidence required	Excluded conclusion
Observation candidate	Model-proposed feature, class, quantity or change tied to a source	Source item, coordinates, time, model version, confidence and geometry	Verified fact
Accepted observation	Candidate reviewed and accepted for a stated diligence purpose	Reviewer, corroboration, limitations and disposition	Legal, engineering or valuation opinion
Change candidate	Difference between aligned observations at two or more times	Registration test, comparable source conditions and change method	Cause or contractual breach
Ground truth	Independent reference used to evaluate a defined output	Sampling design, date, method, uncertainty and independence	Perfect reality
Asset linkage	Controlled mapping from an observation geometry to an asset record	Asset ID, parcel or structure geometry, spatial rule and exception handling	Ownership or title confirmation
Diligence observation packet	Reproducible record from purpose through review	Full lineage, output, checks, reviewer and final use	Autonomous investment decision

2.2 Standards map

ISO 19115-1 defines a metadata schema covering identification, extent, quality, spatial and temporal aspects, content, reference system and distribution of geographic resources [1]. ISO 19157-1 establishes principles for describing, evaluating and reporting geographic-data quality while leaving minimum acceptable quality to the user and application [2]. ISO 19111 defines the information required to describe coordinate reference systems and transformations, including local, image-sensor, moving-platform and time-dependent cases [3]. Together, these sources support a simple rule: diligence teams should decide fitness for purpose from preserved metadata and tested quality rather than from visual plausibility.

The Open Geospatial Consortium's SpatioTemporal Asset Catalog standard structures and queries metadata for earth-observation, drone, point-cloud, LiDAR, machine-learning label and derived assets [4]. CityGML 3.0 provides a conceptual model for interoperable three-dimensional city objects and their semantics, geometry, topology and change over time [5]. GeoPose supports exchange of position and orientation within referenced frames [6]. ISO 19650-1 provides concepts for exchanging, recording, versioning and organising information across the built-asset life cycle [7]. buildingSMART reports IFC4.3 ADD2 as the latest official IFC version and an ISO 16739 standard [8]. These standards address distinct layers; none converts an image classification into a professional conclusion.

RICS' Earth observation and aerial surveys professional standard helps clients specify data type, accuracy, resolution, survey detail, deliverables, constraints, cost, accuracy and timescale [14]. The RICS drone practice information highlights sensors, applications and national or regional compliance [15]. The 2025 RICS Red Book introduces standards for valuation models and maintains requirements for professional valuation work [16]. RICS land-measurement guidance distinguishes ownership area, planning site area and net development area [17]. A model-derived polygon therefore requires a declared measurement basis and should not silently replace cadastral or professional measurement evidence.

Evidence family	Verified contribution	Boundary used here
ISO 19115, 19157 and 19111 [1-3]	Metadata, quality evaluation and coordinate referencing	Fitness thresholds belong to the defined application
OGC STAC, CityGML and GeoPose [4-6]	Interoperable spatiotemporal asset, city-object and pose structures	Interoperability does not establish truth or authority
ISO 19650 and IFC [7,8]	Built-asset information management and exchange	Designed information and observed condition remain distinct
USGS and Copernicus mission material [9-13]	Sensor, product, resolution, access and quality characteristics	Product metadata and known limitations travel with every scene

Evidence family	Verified contribution	Boundary used here
RICS standards [14-17]	Survey specification, drone use, valuation and land measurement	Qualified professional responsibility remains outside the model
UAE law and official services [18-23]	Drone, privacy and Dubai geospatial context	Applicability, permission and access require case-specific review
AI governance sources [24-27]	Risk management, management systems, impact assessment and EU scope	Governance frameworks support controls; they do not certify a use case
Primary benchmark research [28-32]	Detection, change and generalisation evidence	Benchmark performance does not transfer automatically to Gulf assets

2.3 Decision and evidence boundaries

The operating system should separate four layers. The observation layer records what a sensor or source contains. The inference layer contains a model-proposed feature or change. The professional layer contains survey, engineering, environmental, valuation, planning or legal judgement. The investment layer integrates professional evidence with financing, strategy, governance and risk appetite. A geospatial model belongs primarily in the inference layer and can prepare evidence for the professional layer.

Decision question	AI-supported contribution	Required external authority
Does imagery show a candidate roof-area change?	Align scenes, segment roof, quantify geometric difference and expose confidence	Surveyor or engineer determines physical meaning and measurement fitness
Is construction progress consistent with the programme?	Compare visible work packages and dates; flag exceptions	Project monitor assesses programme, contract, quality and causation
Is the parcel owned by the sponsor?	Link observed geometry to the controlled parcel record	Title, cadastral and legal evidence
Is a defect structural?	Prioritise visible anomaly for inspection	Qualified engineer and suitable inspection method
Does a flood or heat indicator affect value?	Provide sourced indicator and spatial exposure	Environmental, insurance and valuation specialists
Should the investor proceed?	Organise accepted packets and unresolved exceptions	Investment committee under its mandate

2.4 Evidence hierarchy

The hierarchy is purpose-specific. An executed land record can be authoritative for a legal parcel description and uninformative about a current roof condition. A recent drone survey can be highly informative about visible geometry and unable to establish ownership. Each claim must cite the source suitable for that claim.

Tier	Example	Permitted initial use	Release condition
G0 unknown or prohibited	Unlicensed image, missing acquisition date, unknown CRS	Quarantine	Rights and metadata resolved
G1 exploratory	Public basemap screenshot, analyst sketch, unverified model alert	Internal hypothesis	Replaced or corroborated by suitable evidence
G2 controlled source	Official or licensed scene with metadata and permitted purpose	Candidate generation	Quality and alignment checks pass

Tier	Example	Permitted initial use	Release condition
G3 independently validated observation	Representative reference sample and named review	Defined diligence packet	Limitations and reviewer decision retained
G4 professional evidence	Signed survey, engineering report, legal or valuation work	Professional conclusion within its scope	Professional standards, engagement and reliance terms met

3. THE SOURCE-TO-DECISION EVIDENCE STACK

3.1 Source selection begins with the decision

A team should begin with the decision, tolerable error and required scale. Detecting a new logistics building across a region has a different resolution and cadence requirement from measuring façade cracking. Monitoring corridor encroachment differs from confirming a site boundary. A source-resolution table should be approved before data procurement.

ESA states that Sentinel-2's multispectral instrument provides bands at 10, 20 and 60 metres, a 290-kilometre swath and a five-day revisit for the two-satellite constellation [10,11]. Those characteristics support land-cover and regional change analysis. They do not support counting small rooftop units. Copernicus documents Sentinel-1 as C-band synthetic-aperture radar with all-weather, day-and-night capability [9]. USGS reports that Landsat Collection 2 improved geolocation and provides Tier 1 scenes suitable for time-series analysis within prescribed image-to-image tolerances; Tier 2 scenes do not meet the Tier 1 geometry specification [12,13]. Product tier and metadata therefore matter before a time series is interpreted.

High-resolution commercial satellite, aircraft and drone sources can provide finer ground sampling. Their effective fitness also depends on viewing angle, motion, terrain, control, lens or sensor calibration, atmospheric conditions, occlusion, shadows, mosaicking and processing. A nominal pixel size is one specification rather than a complete accuracy statement. RICS provides a specification-oriented approach, and ASPRS' 2024 positional-accuracy standard adds guidance for photogrammetry, LiDAR, UAS and oblique imagery [14,33].

Diligence purpose	Candidate source	Key metadata	Typical stop condition
Regional land-use screening	Sentinel-2, Landsat, official maps	Product level, band, cloud, date, resolution, CRS	Target smaller than supported scale
Ground movement screening	Sentinel-1/InSAR product and specialist processing	Orbit, geometry, coherence, reference area, atmospheric treatment	Low coherence or specialist validation absent
Building or road inventory	Licensed high-resolution satellite or aerial imagery	Ground sample distance, angle, date, licence, orthorectification	Occlusion, stale date or local validation absent
Construction progress	Repeated controlled aerial/drone capture plus programme data	Flight plan, control, date, camera, processing, comparable viewpoint	Permit, alignment or baseline failure
External condition triage	Oblique/drone/street-level imagery	View coverage, resolution, privacy, capture rights	Critical surface not visible
Volumetric or terrain work	Survey-grade photogrammetry or LiDAR	Control, vertical datum, density, accuracy report	Required accuracy exceeds specification
BIM-to-field comparison	Controlled BIM/IFC plus surveyed observation	Model version, coordinate transform, as-designed/as-built state	Object identity or transformation unresolved

3.2 Place and time identity

Every observation should answer four identity questions: which asset, which geometry, which coordinate reference system and which time. A parcel identifier, project code or facility ID should anchor the observation. Geometry may represent a legal parcel, planning site, building footprint, roof, corridor buffer or sensor coverage. These geometries should not be treated as interchangeable.

Time needs similar discipline. Capture time, product time, processing time, ingestion time, model time and review time are distinct. A "current" image may have been captured months before it was downloaded. A change alert can result from real construction, seasonal vegetation, sun angle, sensor change, registration error or a modified processing pipeline. The packet should retain each timestamp and the comparison basis.

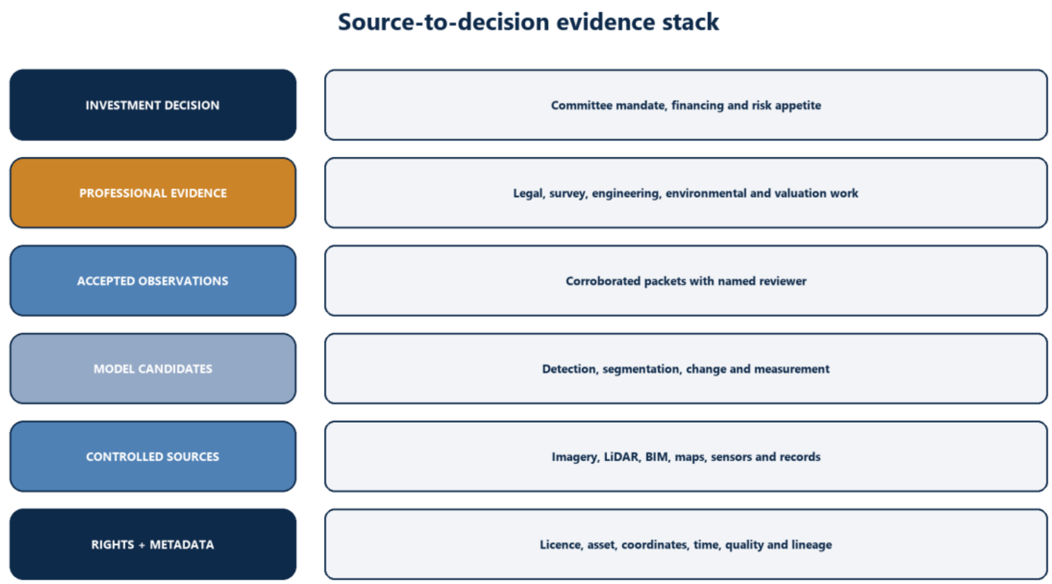

Figure 2. Source-to-decision evidence stack

Source: Matchpoint framework; standards context [1-17].

3.3 Lineage and transformation

The system should preserve a transformation graph. A raw scene may be orthorectified, reprojected, resampled, tiled, normalised, cloud-masked and passed through a model. Polygons may then be simplified, joined to an asset and aggregated. Each step can change geometry, values or interpretation. A final map without lineage cannot support a reproducible diligence claim.

STAC offers a useful catalogue structure for source and derived assets [4]. ISO 19115 metadata fields provide a broader schema [1]. ISO 19650 concepts support versioning and organisation across asset information [7]. A practical registry can use these principles without claiming formal conformance.

Lineage field	Required content	Reviewer question
Source identity	Provider, collection, item, licence and checksum	Can the source be retrieved and used for this purpose?
Acquisition	UTC time, sensor, platform, view geometry and environmental conditions	What did the sensor have an opportunity to observe?
Spatial reference	CRS, datum, vertical datum, transform and control	Can the output be compared to the asset geometry?
Processing	Product level, software, parameters and version	Which operations changed the data?

Lineage field	Required content	Reviewer question
Model	Task, architecture or service, weights, threshold and version	Was the model validated for this task and population?
Post-processing	Geometry rules, joins, filters and aggregation	Did business logic create or suppress an exception?
Review	Reviewer, reference evidence, decision and date	Who accepted the observation and for what purpose?

3.4 Rights, access and confidentiality

Access does not imply reuse permission. The registry should capture licence scope, attribution, derivative-work rights, retention, geographic restrictions, model-training rights and onward-disclosure terms. Government geospatial data may be open, restricted, classified or supplied for a defined project. Dubai's official open-data portal emphasises metadata including source, collection method, update frequency and terms of use [23]. Dubai Municipality's GIS services supply maps and data according to the request and the permissions of the entity [22].

Project imagery can also contain personal data, security-sensitive infrastructure, neighbouring property and third-party intellectual property. Access roles, encryption, retention, export controls and disclosure rules should be defined before processing. A vendor should not use diligence imagery to train a general model unless contractual authority, data protection and security approvals are explicit.

Dubai Municipality describes a digital-twin and GIS environment that combines two- and three-dimensional asset information, drone capture, survey vehicles, building-information modelling and geospatial change detection [34,35]. This official local context supports technical feasibility and reinforces the need to distinguish available municipal capability from the permissions and evidence supplied for a particular private diligence engagement.

4. USE CASES FOR A4 AND B1

4.1 Portfolio and pipeline screening

An A4 investor may assess a pipeline of data centres, renewable-energy sites, transport assets or logistics facilities across multiple jurisdictions. Geospatial AI can standardise an initial evidence pass: locate the asset, compare supplied coordinates with visible structures, describe surrounding land uses, identify candidate access routes, organise historical imagery and list unresolved data needs. The output should be an exception-led screening packet rather than a score that hides source gaps.

A B1 developer can use the same process to prepare a financing data room. Controlled maps can link projects, planning evidence, construction status and source imagery. A sponsor benefits when evidence is consistent across lenders and joint-venture investors. The sponsor should preserve adverse observations and unresolved items; selective omission weakens diligence reliability.

4.2 Construction progress and drawdown support

Repeated imagery can compare visible work packages across dates. Computer vision can propose building footprint growth, roof completion, paved area, material storage, earthworks or other defined indicators. A schedule link can prioritise packages whose visible state differs from the expected state. A named project monitor determines whether the observation is valid, material and consistent with contract, quality and payment evidence.

The safest initial tasks are coarse, observable and reversible. Examples include whether a structure is visibly present, whether a defined roof area appears closed, or whether a road segment is visibly surfaced. High-risk tasks include hidden services, reinforcement, structural quality, fire stopping, mechanical commissioning and contract entitlement. Imagery alone is unsuitable for many of these questions.

Progress task	Candidate output	Required corroboration	Authority
Footprint emergence	Polygon and date range	Comparable imagery, approved drawings and site record	Project monitor
Earthworks extent	Surface-change geometry or volume estimate	Survey control, terrain method and accuracy report	Surveyor/engineer
Roof closure	Visible coverage percentage	View-quality check and inspection evidence	Project monitor
Road surfacing	Segment classification	Site records and specification	Engineer
Material stockpile	Candidate object/volume	Ground inspection and ownership record	Quantity surveyor
Programme variance	Visible exception linked to activity	Current programme, dependencies and causation review	Project controls lead
Drawdown recommendation	Organised evidence packet	Contract, cost, quality, certification and lender terms	Appointed professional/lender

4.3 Existing-asset condition triage

Street-level, aerial, thermal or oblique imagery can help prioritise inspections. A model may flag roof-surface change, visible envelope staining, vegetation encroachment, pavement distress, tower corrosion candidates or equipment presence. It should describe visibility and uncertainty. It should not label a structural defect or remaining useful life without a suitable professional method.

Triage value comes from ranking and routing. A portfolio team can direct scarce inspectors to assets with recent, material and reviewable exceptions. False negatives carry particular importance because an unflagged asset may escape inspection. The validation plan should therefore measure critical-class recall and examine missed cases rather than report aggregate accuracy alone.

4.4 Site selection and surrounding-context analysis

Geospatial systems can organise distances, travel times, terrain, land cover, existing structures, access, nearby receptors and mapped infrastructure. These features can support a site-comparison packet for data centres, logistics, renewable energy and development projects. Suitability remains contingent on title, zoning, utility capacity, permits, geotechnical work, environmental assessment, community impact, security, design and commercial terms.

For data centres, mapped proximity to substations or fibre routes is only an initial observation. Available capacity, redundancy, connection date, route rights, network design and contractual access require operator and engineering evidence. For renewable energy, surface classification does not establish yield, grid access or environmental acceptability. For real estate, a development-area polygon should not replace the ownership, planning and net-development definitions in applicable professional guidance [17].

4.5 Change detection and covenant monitoring

An investor may monitor agreed physical indicators: whether a protected corridor remains clear, whether an asset footprint changes, whether a buffer contains a new structure, or whether construction resumes after a defined date. The monitoring charter should list each indicator, source, cadence, acceptable uncertainty, notification threshold and response owner.

An alert is evidence for investigation. It is not proof of breach, cause, responsibility or loss. Change detection can be sensitive to misregistration, acquisition geometry, clouds, shadows, seasonal effects and sensor substitution. The packet should show the before and after sources, alignment result, candidate geometry and reviewer disposition.

4.6 Environmental and hazard screening

Earth-observation products can contribute to flood extent, land-cover, heat, subsidence or coastal-change screening when suitable products and specialists are used. Sentinel-1's radar characteristics support observations through cloud and at night [9]. Sentinel-2 and Landsat support consistent land observations at defined spatial resolutions [10-13]. These sources should feed an environmental or engineering workflow rather than stand alone as a site-risk conclusion.

4.7 Asset inventory and data-room reconciliation

Computer vision can compare a declared asset register with visible candidate objects. Differences become reconciliation items: asset declared and visible, declared but not visible, visible but not declared, or geometry mismatch. Each category has benign and material explanations. Capture date, occlusion, demolition, construction, source resolution and register scope should be checked before escalation.

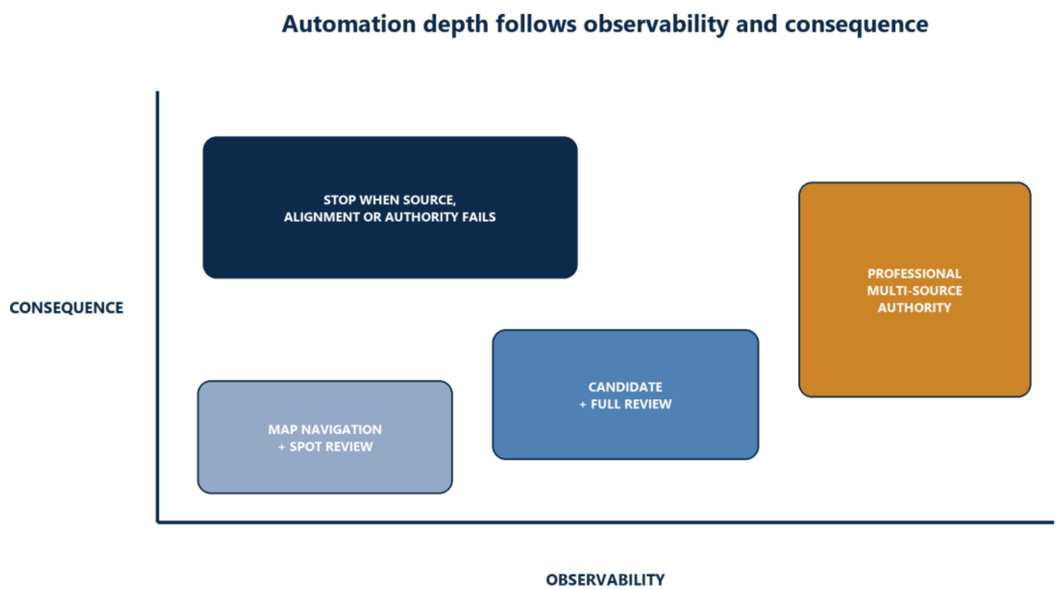

Figure 3. Use-case matrix by observability and consequence
Source: Matchpoint framework.

4.8 Use-case stop conditions

Stop condition	Required response	Owner
Asset identity or geometry unresolved	Hold linkage; obtain controlled parcel/asset record	Data owner and legal/survey owner
Source licence or access purpose unclear	Quarantine source and derivative	Legal/procurement
Capture permission absent	Do not capture; obtain aviation, property and security approvals	Operations/legal
Required feature below effective source capability	Procure suitable data or abandon task	Survey/geospatial lead
Registration test fails	Do not interpret change; reprocess or replace source	Geospatial lead
Representative ground truth absent	Keep exploratory label; restrict external reliance	Model owner
Critical false-negative threshold fails	Stop scaling; redesign task, data or control	Risk owner

Stop condition	Required response	Owner
Output requests legal, engineering or valuation conclusion	Route to qualified professional	Engagement owner

5. TECHNICAL METHODS AND FAILURE MODES

5.1 Detection, segmentation and classification

Object detection produces a class, score and bounding geometry. Segmentation assigns pixels or regions to classes. Classification assigns a label to an image, tile or object. Their metrics answer different questions. A high tile-level classification score can coexist with poor geometry. A building detector can find large warehouses and miss small plant rooms. A road segmentation model can produce disconnected lines that are unsuitable for routing.

SpaceNet was designed to advance extraction of roads and building footprints from overhead imagery; its road challenge used a graph-based metric because connected-network quality matters beyond pixel overlap [28]. xBD provides pre- and post-event imagery with building polygons and damage labels [29]. These benchmarks establish tasks and comparative research settings. They do not establish performance on Gulf construction sites, desert edges, reflective roofs, dense compounds or a particular commercial sensor.

5.2 Change detection

Change detection compares observations over time. Pixel differences are easy to compute and difficult to interpret. A robust workflow may include co-registration, radiometric normalisation, cloud or shadow masking, object extraction, temporal consistency checks and a human-readable before/after view. When sensors differ, the model should account for resolution, spectral response and view geometry.

The xBD research record illustrates two relevant lessons. Multi-temporal fusion can improve a defined damage-assessment task [30]. A later study found that complex and simplified models failed to generalise to unseen locations under a geographically separated evaluation, with unequal class distributions contributing to difficulty [31]. Diligence validation should therefore separate assets, projects and geographies between development and test sets.

5.3 Photogrammetry and three-dimensional reconstruction

Photogrammetry estimates geometry from overlapping images. Deliverables can include orthomosaics, point clouds, digital surface models and meshes. Accuracy depends on capture geometry, control, calibration, texture, motion, terrain and processing. A smooth 3D model can remain inaccurate. The specification should state horizontal and vertical accuracy, confidence convention, control and checkpoints, exclusions and measurement basis. RICS and ASPRS provide professional and technical reference points [14,33].

5.4 LiDAR and point-cloud analysis

LiDAR can support terrain, structure and clearance analysis. Model steps may classify ground, vegetation, buildings and infrastructure components, then derive heights, profiles or volumes. Point density, scan geometry, returns, occlusion, coordinate reference, calibration and classification quality should travel with the output. A clearance alert should preserve the measurement method and tolerance; safety-critical conclusions require the appointed specialist.

5.5 Radar and interferometry

Synthetic-aperture radar records backscatter rather than a conventional photograph. Interferometric methods can estimate ground movement under suitable conditions. Coherence, atmospheric effects, reference selection, geometry and processing choices matter. A colourful displacement map should be reviewed by a specialist before it influences structural or investment conclusions. The model should retain whether a value is line-of-sight displacement, a derived vertical estimate or another quantity.

5.6 Multimodal and foundation-model methods

Temporal and multispectral pretraining can improve benchmark transfer. SatMAE, for example, uses temporal and spectral positional information and reports improvements on selected downstream benchmarks [32]. Such research supports experimentation. Procurement should still require task-specific evaluation, locked test sets, model cards, version control and monitoring. General visual-language capability does not remove coordinate, measurement or source limitations.

5.7 Spatial joins and business rules

Many diligence errors occur after inference. A valid polygon may be assigned to the wrong parcel. A corridor buffer may use degrees instead of metres. A nearest-neighbour rule may link a neighbouring structure. A threshold may suppress a material small object. Spatial business rules should be versioned, unit-tested and reviewed like model code.

Failure mode	Observable symptom	Control
CRS mismatch	Systematic offset, wrong distances or misplaced geometry	Explicit CRS, transformation log and control points
Temporal mismatch	Change attributed to wrong period	Acquisition-time gate and comparable-window rule
Resolution mismatch	Small assets missed or boundaries unstable	Minimum observable-object specification
Domain shift	Performance falls by location, sensor or season	Grouped test sets and monitored strata
Class imbalance	Aggregate accuracy hides missed rare defects	Class-specific precision, recall and error review
Threshold drift	Alert volume or miss rate changes after update	Locked thresholds, release comparison and rollback
Post-processing error	Correct detection linked to wrong asset	Spatial-rule tests and exception map
Human automation bias	Reviewer accepts plausible map without challenge	Blinded samples, mandatory evidence view and override logging

6. VALIDATION, UNCERTAINTY AND ACCEPTANCE

6.1 Validation follows the intended decision

Validation should define the population, unit, sampling, reference method, metric, threshold and consequence of error. A random tile split can leak the same site characteristics into training and test sets. A representative diligence test should separate projects or assets and include difficult strata: dense urban sites, desert margins, reflective roofs, shadows, occlusion, construction phases, sensor types and seasons.

Ground truth is an independent reference with its own uncertainty. A field survey, professional inspection, authoritative asset record or manually interpreted image can serve different tasks. Reference dates should be close enough to the source date for the task. Reviewers should be blinded to model output on a validation subset when practical.

6.2 Metrics that match the output

Output	Primary metrics	Required slices	Material concern
Object detection	Precision, recall and average precision at declared overlap	Object size, asset class, geography, sensor and visibility	Missed critical objects
Segmentation	Intersection over union, boundary error and area error	Surface type, scale, shadow and density	Geometric bias
Change detection	Precision, recall, time-to-detect and false alerts per asset-period	Change type, sensor pair, season and project stage	False causation or missed covenant event

Output	Primary metrics	Required slices	Material concern
Measurement	Bias, MAE/RMSE and coverage of uncertainty interval	Horizontal/vertical, range, surface and control quality	False precision
Asset linkage	Correct link rate and ambiguous-link rate	Parcel density, multi-building sites and boundary proximity	Wrong asset evidence
Workflow	Accepted-packet rate, reviewer time, rework and critical escape rate	Team, use case, geography and model version	Speed gained through weaker review

Aggregate accuracy should never be the only reported metric. Precision measures how many proposed positives are correct. Recall measures how many relevant positives are found. A high-risk hidden-defect workflow may prioritise recall and require a second method. A scarce-inspection triage may balance recall with review capacity. Thresholds should be approved by the risk owner rather than selected solely to maximise a benchmark score.

6.3 Calibration and uncertainty

A model score is not automatically a probability. Calibration should be evaluated on representative data. The packet can use explicit uncertainty bands or evidence states: observed and accepted, candidate requiring review, unresolved, and not observable with the source. "Not observable" is a valuable answer.

Geometric uncertainty should be expressed in the unit relevant to the decision. A boundary buffer, area interval or vertical-accuracy statement is more useful than a generic confidence score. When multiple uncertain steps are combined, the team should avoid treating them as independent without evidence.

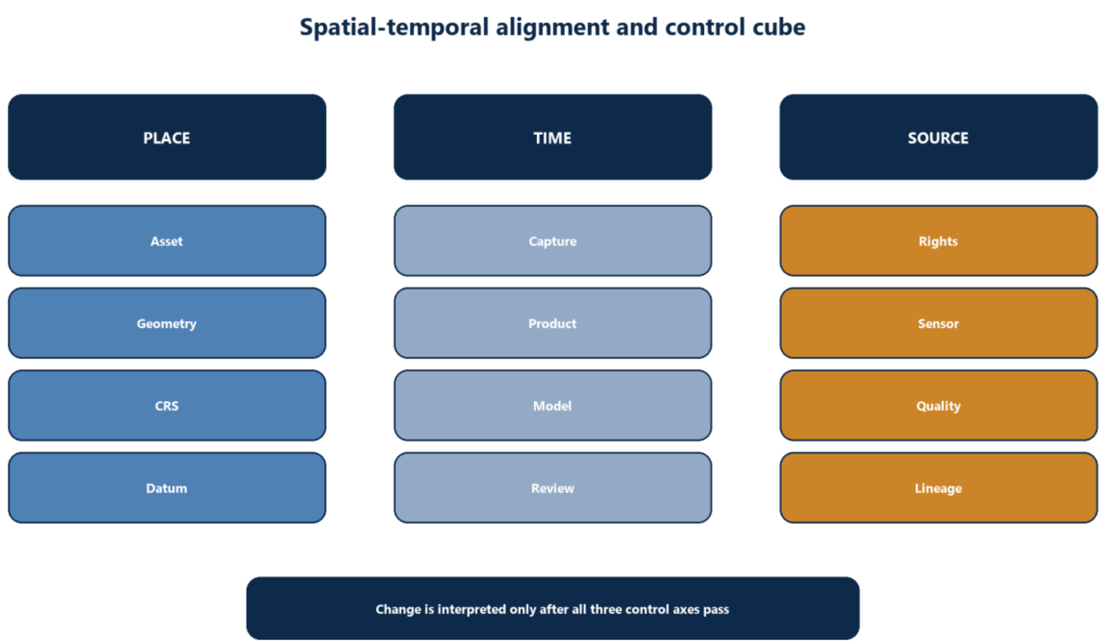

Figure 4. Spatial-temporal alignment and control cube

Source: Matchpoint framework; metadata context [1-6].

6.4 Acceptance gates

Gate	Minimum evidence	Failure action
Purpose gate	Named diligence question and permitted use	Reject generic surveillance
Source gate	Licence, metadata, access and integrity pass	Quarantine source

Gate	Minimum evidence	Failure action
Alignment gate	CRS, time and registration tests pass	Reprocess or replace comparison
Model gate	Approved version and representative validation	Exploratory use only
Output gate	Required fields, uncertainty and evidence view	Return incomplete packet
Review gate	Named qualified reviewer and disposition	No release
Monitoring gate	Drift, overrides, incidents and model changes reviewed	Restrict, rollback or retire

6.5 Reviewer study

A shadow pilot should compare baseline and AI-assisted work on the same representative cases. Randomisation or counterbalancing can reduce ordering effects. Reviewers should record time, accepted findings, false positives, false negatives, rework and confidence. The organisation should examine whether the tool changes what reviewers inspect, not merely how quickly they finish.

7. CONTROLLED ARCHITECTURE AND TOOL STACK

7.1 Architecture principles

The architecture should separate source storage, catalogue, processing, inference, evidence registry, asset master, review and release. A catalogue item identifies source and lineage. The asset master identifies the investment or project entity. The evidence registry links a candidate observation to both. A review interface shows the original source, derived layer, comparison, uncertainty and history. The final data room receives only accepted, authorised packets.

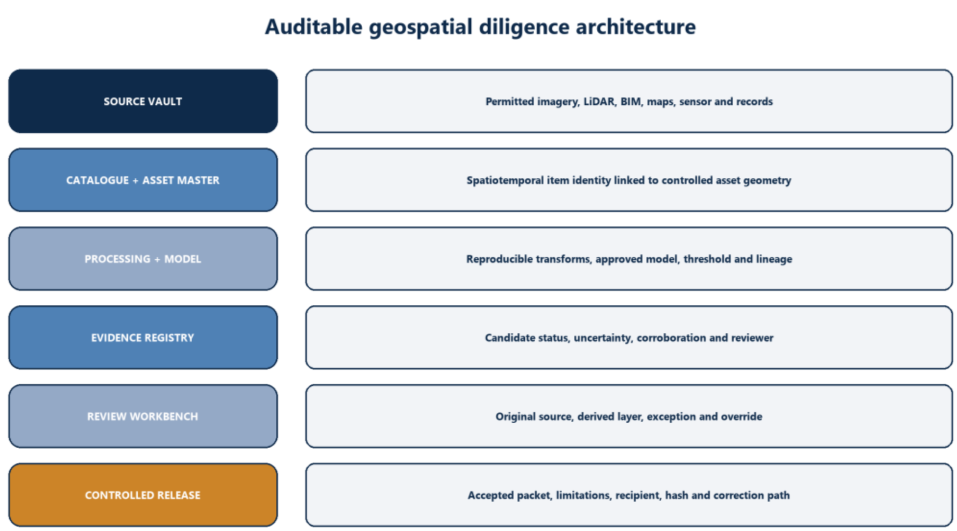

Figure 5. Architecture and tool stack
Source: Matchpoint architecture; governance context [24-27].

Layer	Function	Minimum control
Source vault	Stores permitted raw or provider-referenced data	Licence, access, checksum, retention and region
Spatiotemporal catalogue	Registers source and derived assets	Item ID, extent, time, CRS, product and lineage

Layer	Function	Minimum control
Processing workspace	Reprojects, tiles, masks and derives features	Reproducible environment, parameters and logs
Model registry	Holds task model, weights, thresholds and validation	Approval, test report, version and rollback
Asset master	Holds controlled asset, parcel and project identities	Owner, geometry version and source authority
Evidence registry	Stores candidate and accepted observation packets	Status, uncertainty, reviewer and source links
Review workbench	Presents evidence and captures disposition	Side-by-side view, override reason and identity
Release/data room	Publishes accepted material	Permission, version, recipient and audit record
Monitoring	Tracks quality, drift, incidents and workload	Strata, alerts, owner and action history

7.2 Deterministic controls

Deterministic services should handle checks with fixed logic: file integrity, required metadata, coordinate units, geometry validity, time order, source expiry, approved model versions, spatial relationship rules and mandatory packet fields. Model output should not decide whether its own source is authorised or whether its performance report is current.

7.3 Security and tenancy

Investor and developer data can be commercially sensitive. Architecture decisions should cover regional hosting, encryption, keys, tenant separation, subcontractors, support access, logging, backups, deletion, incident response and business continuity. Security-sensitive infrastructure may need further restrictions. Generated thumbnails, caches, embeddings and model telemetry should inherit the source classification.

7.4 Human review by consequence

Review should scale with consequence and observability. A low-consequence regional screen can accept a broader uncertainty band and retain an exploratory label. A construction drawdown, covenant matter or structural concern requires named professional review and corroborating evidence. Review capacity is a design input; alert volume should not exceed the team's ability to investigate within the defined time.

Materiality	Example	Review	Release
Low	Portfolio map navigation	Trained analyst spot review	Internal with source label
Moderate	Candidate building or access-road reconciliation	Full analyst review and sampled specialist review	Controlled diligence packet
High	Progress exception linked to drawdown	Project monitor and relevant specialist	Named authority only
Critical	Safety, structural, legal-title or investment conclusion	Tool provides evidence navigation only	Qualified authority using separate professional process

7.5 Model and vendor change control

Vendor services can change models, imagery, pricing and terms. The procurement record should identify version visibility, update notice, test access, output ownership, training use, retention, security, availability, portability and exit support. A material version change should trigger regression testing on the locked test set. The organisation should be able to reproduce prior released packets or preserve the original evidence and output.

8. PRODUCTIVITY, ECONOMICS AND COMMERCIAL ATTRIBUTION

8.1 Measurement hierarchy

The measurement hierarchy begins with evidence quality. A lower processing time has limited value when accepted-packet rate falls or critical escapes rise. Recommended operational metrics are source-pass rate, alignment-pass rate, candidate precision, critical-class recall, accepted-packet rate, reviewer minutes per accepted packet, rework rate, exception ageing and incident rate.

Commercial measures follow only after evidence is approved. Attributed cost reduction requires a baseline, comparable volume, loaded cost, implementation cost and approved causal method. Attributed revenue requires an approved link from the system to a mandate, financing, fee or retained engagement. Avoided loss requires an approved counterfactual and governance. This paper records each as USD 0.

8.2 Illustrative workflow scenario

The following scenario is an **unverified illustrative management assumption**. It does not describe Matchpoint, a client, a vendor or observed performance.

Assume a monthly diligence batch of 40 assets. The baseline process requires 3.0 analyst hours and 1.0 senior-review hour per asset, or 160 hours. The illustrative AI-assisted process requires 0.75 hour for source preparation, 1.0 analyst hour for candidate review and 1.0 senior-review hour per asset, or 110 hours. The apparent gross time reduction is 50 hours, or 31.25%. If implementation, data procurement and exception rework require 35 hours per month, the illustrative net reduction is 15 hours, or 9.375%.

Illustrative input	Baseline	AI-assisted	Evidence status
Assets per month	40	40	Unverified management assumption
Analyst/source hours per asset	3.0	1.75	Unverified management assumption
Senior-review hours per asset	1.0	1.0	Unverified management assumption
Gross monthly hours	160	110	Arithmetic from assumptions
Implementation/data/rework hours	0	35	Unverified management assumption
Net monthly hours	160	145	Arithmetic from assumptions
Accepted-packet rate	Unknown	Unknown	Must be measured
Critical escape rate	Unknown	Unknown	Must be measured

The example demonstrates why a before/after chart should include implementation and review. A claim of productivity multiplication requires observed throughput at equal or better accepted quality. If the baseline produces eight accepted site packets per month and a validated assisted workflow produces twenty-four at the same quality and controlled demand, throughput is three times the baseline. No such Matchpoint observation was supplied.

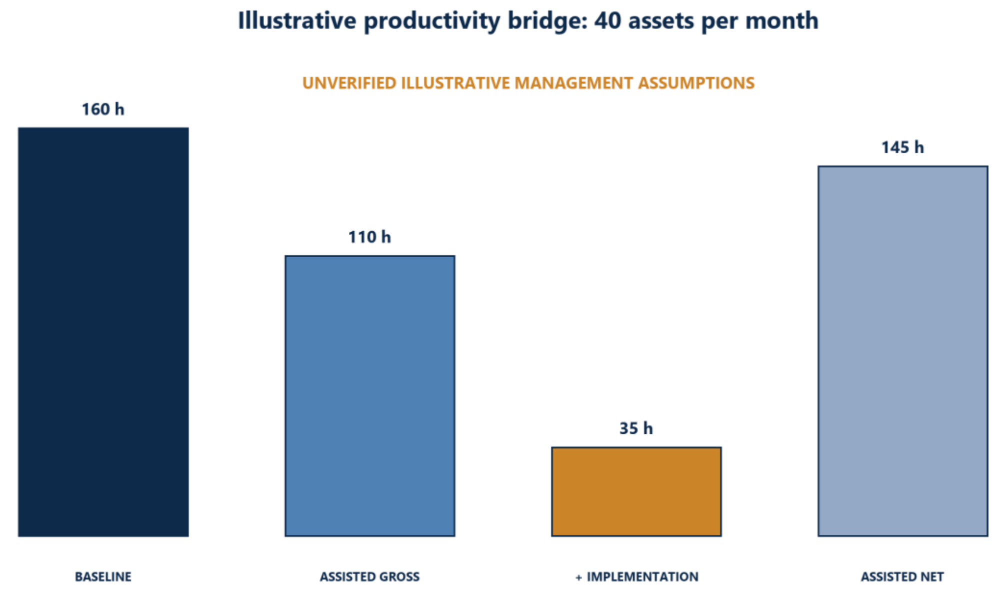

Figure 6. Illustrative productivity and economics bridge
Source: Unverified illustrative management assumptions; Matchpoint calculation.

8.3 Pilot acceptance criteria

Illustrative pilot criteria should be approved before data collection. A possible gate is: at least 30 assets across two asset classes and two acquisition conditions; no overlap between development and test projects; critical-class recall at or above the approved threshold; accepted-packet rate no worse than baseline; median reviewer time at least 25% below baseline; and no material privacy, licence, security or professional-boundary incident. These numbers are unverified management assumptions and require A4/B1 owner approval.

8.4 Commercial pathways

For A4 investors, value may appear through faster screening, greater portfolio coverage, earlier exception routing and more consistent investment-committee evidence. For B1 sponsors, value may appear through better organised financing evidence, quicker response to investor questions, consistent construction reporting and reduced reconciliation effort. Revenue should not be attributed merely because a packet was produced or a website lead viewed a map.

Value pathway	Evidence required	Attribution owner	Current value
Analyst time reduction	Representative baseline and assisted time at equal quality	Operations/finance	USD 0
Data-procurement saving	Comparable supplier scope and invoices	Procurement/finance	USD 0
Faster financing response	Dated request, controlled response and outcome record	Deal lead	USD 0
Mandate or financing revenue	Contracted fee and approved causal record	Management/finance	USD 0
Avoided reinspection or travel	Approved counterfactual and actual cost record	Project owner/finance	USD 0
Avoided loss	Documented exposure, intervention and approved counterfactual	Risk committee	USD 0

9. LEGAL, REGULATORY AND PROFESSIONAL BOUNDARIES

9.1 UAE drone operations

The UAE GCAA states that professional or special drone operations include aerial survey, inspection and related activities and require organisational and operational steps; the published requirements refer to security clearance and permission for capturing devices [18]. Federal Decree-Law No. 26 of 2022 regulates civil use of unmanned aircraft and related activities [19]. Current requirements, emirate-specific rules, airspace, property access, operator approval, security and capture permissions should be checked for each mission. This paper does not determine a flight approval.

9.2 Personal data and privacy

UAE Federal Decree-Law No. 45 of 2021 governs personal-data processing within its scope, including purpose, data minimisation, accuracy, security, retention and cross-border controls [20,21]. High-resolution imagery may capture identifiable people, vehicles, homes, routines or other personal information. The controller should identify lawful basis, purpose, notice, access, retention, processors, cross-border transfer and rights before capture or secondary use. De-identification should be tested rather than assumed from altitude.

The EU AI Act applies from 2 August 2026 in accordance with its staged provisions and can apply to certain providers and deployers outside the Union where output is used in the Union [27]. Applicability and risk classification depend on the system and use. Privacy law remains applicable alongside the Act. A GCC diligence workflow with EU use or parties requires qualified review rather than a generic geographic exemption.

9.3 Data and intellectual-property rights

The organisation should verify imagery, map, model, label and derived-data rights. Website access, API access and a paid subscription can grant different rights. Training, fine-tuning, benchmarking, internal use, client disclosure and publication should be addressed separately. Source attribution and required notices should be retained in the packet and release.

9.4 Professional and reliance boundaries

RICS standards show why scope, inspection, measurement, model and reporting disciplines matter [14-17]. A computer-vision output can assist a valuer or surveyor and should not present itself as a Red Book valuation, cadastral survey, structural report or planning opinion. Engagement letters, reliance parties, liability, assumptions and limitations belong to the qualified professional's process.

9.5 Critical infrastructure and security

Infrastructure imagery, floor plans, network routes and operational patterns can be sensitive. The risk assessment should consider national security, site security, cyber exposure, supplier jurisdiction and onward access. Public release should be a separate decision from internal diligence use. The most detailed output is not always the appropriate output.

9.6 AI governance

NIST AI RMF 1.0 organises voluntary risk management around govern, map, measure and manage [24]. ISO/IEC 42001 specifies an AI management system [25]. ISO/IEC 42005 provides an AI system impact-assessment framework [26]. These sources support ownership, impact assessment, testing, monitoring and continuous improvement. They do not certify a model for real-estate or infrastructure decisions without implementation and evidence.

Governance record	Minimum content	Approval
Use-case charter	Decision, users, population, source, output, exclusions and consequence	Business and risk owners
Impact assessment	People, rights, safety, environment, security and market impacts	Legal/privacy/security/risk

Governance record	Minimum content	Approval
Data assessment	Rights, provenance, quality, representativeness and retention	Data owner
Model assessment	Task, validation, uncertainty, failure modes and monitoring	Model owner and independent reviewer
Professional boundary	Required survey, engineering, valuation or legal authority	Engagement owner
Release decision	Version, evidence, reviewers, limitations and recipients	Named releaser

10. A4 AND B1 OPERATING PLAYBOOKS

10.1 A4 infrastructure and digital-infrastructure investor

The A4 playbook begins at screening and narrows through diligence. The investor defines the asset thesis, physical indicators and decision tolerances. The geospatial team creates a controlled site identity, source catalogue and historical baseline. Models produce candidate observations. Investment, engineering, environmental, legal and commercial owners review the appropriate packets. The investment committee receives accepted observations and unresolved exceptions with their source dates and limitations.

A4 stage	Packet	Decision owner	Required challenge
Pipeline screen	Asset-location and source-readiness packet	Deal lead	Is the site identity verified?
Initial diligence	Context, access and visible-asset reconciliation	Investment team	Which claims require professional evidence?
Technical diligence	Accepted condition/progress/hazard observations	Appointed specialists	Are error and source limits decision-compatible?
Investment committee	Evidence map and unresolved exceptions	Investment committee	Which uncertainty remains material?
Ownership	Monitoring charter and periodic packets	Asset manager	Has source, asset or model drifted?
Exit/refinancing	Reconciled history and current observation set	Deal/asset team	Can released evidence be reproduced?

Data-centre investors should separate visible site progress from power, fibre, cooling, commissioning and customer-contract evidence. Energy-transition investors should separate land and visible construction from grid, yield, permitting and offtake. Transport and logistics investors should separate mapped connectivity from legal access, capacity, maintenance and operational resilience.

10.2 B1 developer and sponsor

The B1 playbook treats evidence readiness as part of financing readiness. The sponsor creates one controlled asset master and maps title, planning, design, programme, cost and visual evidence to it. Financing materials link to accepted packets. Investor questions become tracked exceptions with owners. The sponsor releases current evidence and limitations consistently.

B1 stage	Packet	Owner	Release boundary
Capital preparation	Asset identity and data-readiness register	CFO/capital markets	No unresolved parcel or project identity presented as settled

B1 stage	Packet	Owner	Release boundary
Lender/JV diligence	Source-linked progress and context pack	Project/capital team	Professional certifications remain separate
Drawdown support	Current observation plus contract evidence index	Project monitor/finance	AI does not certify payment or completion
Periodic reporting	Comparable time-series and exception disposition	Reporting owner	Adverse and unresolved observations retained
Asset monetisation	Reconciled current/historical evidence	Transaction lead	Valuation and reliance terms controlled

10.3 Shared evidence contract

A4 and B1 can use the same packet schema while preserving independence. The sponsor may produce source material and candidate packets. The investor decides what it will rely on and may commission independent capture or review. The source, method and reviewer should be visible so a recipient can distinguish sponsor-produced, vendor-produced and independently verified evidence.

11. GATED ADOPTION ROADMAP

11.1 Stage 0: charter and prohibited uses

Define one decision, one population, one output and named owners. Record prohibited uses: autonomous title, planning, engineering, safety, environmental, valuation or investment conclusions; covert surveillance; unlicensed data; and client release without named review.

11.2 Stage 1: baseline and source registry

Measure the current workflow on representative cases. Build the asset master and source catalogue. Resolve permissions, coordinate reference systems, timestamps and retention. Define the reference method and error taxonomy before selecting a model.

11.3 Stage 2: prototype in a segregated environment

Develop on non-client or specifically approved data. Keep project-level separation between development and test cases. Produce candidate packets with evidence views and uncertainty. Do not publish or use the prototype for a live decision.

11.4 Stage 3: independent validation

Evaluate by asset class, geography, sensor and difficult condition. Review false negatives and false positives. Test spatial joins and downstream rules. Confirm rights, privacy, security and professional boundaries. Approve or reject thresholds.

11.5 Stage 4: shadow pilot

Run the assisted workflow beside the baseline. Review the same cases. Record accepted findings, reviewer time, rework, critical escapes, incidents and user overrides. Keep commercial attribution at zero until the evidence is approved.

11.6 Stage 5: restricted production

Release to a small trained group for one defined use case. Require named review and retain every packet. Monitor quality, workload, drift, vendor changes and complaints. Maintain rollback and manual fallback.

11.7 Stage 6: scale, restrict or retire

Scale only after stable quality and operational evidence. Restrict a use case when the population changes or review capacity falls. Retire it when the source, model, economics or risk no longer supports the charter. Preserve released evidence and decisions according to retention policy.

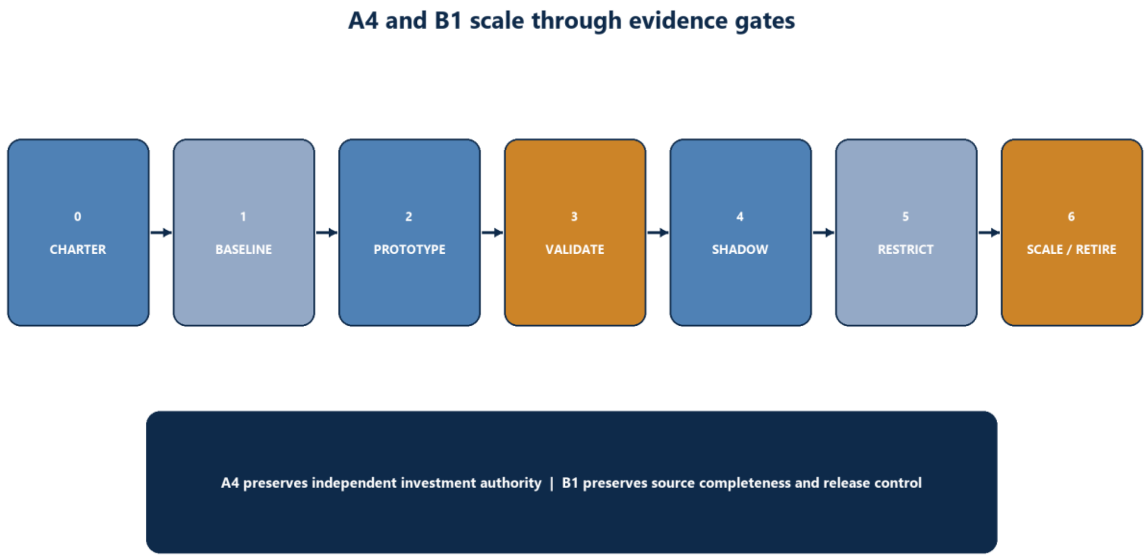

Figure 7. A4 and B1 adoption roadmap

Source: Matchpoint adoption framework.

Stage	Entry evidence	Exit gate	Publication status
0 Charter	Named decision and owners	Scope and prohibited uses approved	None
1 Baseline	Representative cases and source rights	Baseline and reference method complete	None
2 Prototype	Segregated workspace and approved data	Candidate workflow operates reproducibly	None
3 Validate	Locked test set and independent reference	Quality, legal and risk thresholds pass	Internal report
4 Shadow	Baseline and assisted cases	Equal/better quality plus acceptable workload	Internal report
5 Restricted	Trained users, monitoring and rollback	Stable review and incident record	Controlled packets
6 Scale/retire	Governance review	Approved decision and rationale	Controlled external release if authorised

12. LIMITATIONS AND RESEARCH AGENDA

This paper does not evaluate a named vendor, model, imagery provider or Gulf asset dataset. It does not validate performance, accuracy, legal compliance or return on investment for Matchpoint or a client. The technical literature includes benchmark tasks whose data, labels and evaluation settings differ from commercial diligence. Sensor and model capabilities continue to change.

The legal analysis is a source map rather than advice. Drone, privacy, data, intellectual-property, security, planning, property, professional and AI requirements depend on facts and jurisdiction. The paper does not determine whether a specific image contains personal data, whether a flight is permitted, whether a map can be disclosed, or whether an output can support professional reliance.

The economics are illustrative. Implementation effort, data costs, reviewer time, integration, security and professional work can exceed gross automation savings. A faster workflow may increase demand and total review work. Revenue causation can be weak when multiple deal factors contribute.

Further research should create a Gulf-specific, rights-cleared evaluation set across real estate, data centres, logistics, energy and transport. It should include multiple sensors, acquisition conditions, project stages and difficult negatives. Studies should report group-separated generalisation, geometric accuracy, critical-class recall, reviewer effects and total cost. A separate research stream should assess how investors interpret uncertainty maps and whether packet design reduces automation bias.

13. CONCLUSION

Computer vision and geospatial AI can make physical-asset diligence more systematic when it is treated as an evidence workflow. The technology can search large image histories, compare locations and dates, extract candidate features and route exceptions. Its useful output is a quality-adjusted accepted diligence observation packet rather than an autonomous conclusion.

The control sequence is decision, source, place, time, transformation, model, uncertainty, corroboration, review and release. Metadata and quality standards provide the foundation. Professional standards define important boundaries. UAE drone and privacy requirements shape capture and processing. AI-governance frameworks support ownership, testing and monitoring. Primary benchmark research demonstrates capability and warns against untested geographic transfer.

For A4 investors, the framework supports broader screening, consistent technical evidence and monitored exceptions across infrastructure portfolios. For B1 developers, it supports financing readiness, evidence reconciliation and repeatable reporting. Both parties benefit when sponsor-produced evidence, independent validation and professional conclusions remain distinguishable.

The near-term programme should begin with one observable, reversible use case and a representative shadow pilot. Productivity claims should use accepted packets, reviewer time and critical errors. Commercial attribution should remain USD 0 until approved observed evidence exists. That discipline turns a visually impressive map into decision-grade operating evidence.

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APPENDIX A. DILIGENCE OBSERVATION PACKET MINIMUM FIELDS

Group	Minimum fields
Purpose	Packet ID; use-case charter; diligence question; materiality; decision owner; prohibited uses
Asset	Legal/project entity; asset ID; parcel/structure/corridor geometry ID; geometry version; jurisdiction
Source	Provider; collection; item; licence; capture time; sensor; resolution; view geometry; product level; checksum
Spatial	CRS; horizontal datum; vertical datum; transformation; control; registration result; units
Processing	Environment; software; parameters; tiling; masks; derived assets; lineage graph
Model	Task; model/version; weights; threshold; validation report; applicable population; known failure modes
Output	Candidate class/quantity/geometry; score; calibrated uncertainty; observability status; comparison source
Corroboration	Independent reference; method; date; reference uncertainty; other documents
Review	Reviewer; competence/role; disposition; edits; override reason; review time; unresolved items
Release	Approved purpose; recipients; limitations; file/content hash; release time; retention; correction path

APPENDIX B. PROCUREMENT AND VENDOR QUESTIONS

1. Which imagery, map, model and label rights apply to internal diligence, client disclosure, derivative products, model training and publication?
2. Which source metadata and lineage fields are returned through the product or API?
3. Can prior source and model versions be reproduced after a vendor update?
4. How are coordinate reference systems, vertical datums, transformations and measurement units exposed?
5. Which validation populations, geographies, sensors, acquisition conditions and class distributions support the reported metrics?
6. Are project-level or geographic splits used to test generalisation?
7. How are confidence scores calibrated, and which abstention or not-observable outputs are supported?
8. Which subcontractors, hosting regions, support personnel and model providers can access source or derivative data?
9. Are customer images, prompts, labels, embeddings or outputs retained or used to train shared models?
10. Which incident, deletion, export, portability, business-continuity and exit commitments apply?
11. How much notice is provided for imagery, model, API, terms or pricing changes?
12. Can Matchpoint or the client run a locked regression set before a material model update enters production?

APPENDIX C. SHADOW-PILOT SCORECARD

Domain	Metric	Baseline	Assisted	Gate	Status
Source	Metadata completeness	To measure	To measure	Approved before pilot	Unverified
Alignment	Registration-pass rate	To measure	To measure	Use-case specific	Unverified
Model	Critical-class recall	To measure	To measure	Risk-owner approved	Unverified
Model	Precision / false alerts per asset-period	To measure	To measure	Review-capacity compatible	Unverified
Workflow	Accepted-packet rate	To measure	To measure	No worse than baseline	Unverified
Workflow	Median reviewer minutes per accepted packet	To measure	To measure	Illustrative 25% reduction	Unverified
Workflow	Rework rate	To measure	To measure	No worse than baseline	Unverified
Risk	Critical escapes	To measure	To measure	Approved threshold	Unverified
Risk	Privacy/licence/security/professional-boundary incidents	To measure	To measure	Zero material incidents	Unverified
Economics	Net hours and approved loaded cost	To measure	To measure	Positive after all costs	Unverified

Domain	Metric	Baseline	Assisted	Gate	Status
Commercial	Approved attributed revenue/cost/loss	USD 0	USD 0	Observed approved attribution	Unverified

APPENDIX D. RELEASE CHECKLIST

- The asset, geometry version and decision purpose are explicit.
- The source is permitted, current enough and integrity-checked.
- Acquisition, processing, model and review times are distinguishable.
- Coordinate reference system, datum, units and transformation are retained.
- Spatial and temporal alignment passed the defined test.
- The model version and threshold match the approved validation report.
- The packet shows the original evidence, derived output and uncertainty.
- The result is labelled candidate, accepted, unresolved or not observable.
- The reviewer has the competence and authority required by the consequence.
- Legal, privacy, aviation, data, security and professional boundaries are cleared.
- The released version, recipients, time, limitations and hash are retained.
- A correction, rollback and incident path is active.

APPENDIX E. MANAGEMENT QUESTIONS

1. Which physical diligence decision currently consumes repeated visual search and has a reviewable ground truth?
2. Which error is more consequential for that decision: a false alert, a missed condition, wrong geometry or wrong time?
3. Can the organisation obtain source rights and representative validation data without compromising client confidentiality?
4. Who owns the asset master, source catalogue, model, professional judgement and release?
5. What will the system state when the feature is not observable?
6. How many alerts can the review team investigate within the required response time?
7. Which model, source or asset changes trigger revalidation?
8. Which evidence would support a productivity or commercial claim, and who approves the attribution?