



**MISSION LETTER**

Ms Amy Hak  
Forensics Science Section  
Office of the Prosecutor  
International Criminal Court  
The Hague

Re : Investigation in the situation of Mali

Date : 26 August 2019

Dear Ms Hak,

You are kindly requested, to the extent to which your expertise permits, to conduct an analysis for certain imagery taken in the area of Timbuktu that are referred to in the chart in the annex to this letter.

Your analysis should consist of a comparison of images listed in the column entitled "Questioned Material" against the images listed in the column entitled "Reference material" in the above mentioned annex. In order to set priorities, assets listed in the "Questioned Material" column have been divided into two categories, *i.e.* "Priority 1" (marked in bold) and "Priority 2".

Basing yourself on the reference material and other means necessary, such as e.g. *Google Earth*, the analysis should allow the geolocation of all the questioned material listed in the annex.

Should you face any trouble identifying the geolocation of some of the assets listed under "Questioned Material", you are allowed to use other assets contained in the same category for which you were able to determine the geolocation by using the reference material or any other means.



You are requested to present your analysis in an expert report. The report should preferably follow the structure as outlined below:

(i) An introduction, indicating what your mission and instructions are;

(ii) The methodology used in preparing the report, including (a) details on the material and computer software you used; (b) the source and quality of the images, (c) how you analysed the imagery, including the visual indicators you used and explaining the scope for and/or limitations in analysing the imagery in question;

(iii) Your analysis of the imagery, containing at least for each site:

(a) the type of monuments depicted in the images together with the GPS coordinates to the extent possible;

(b) your assessment of the sites depicted in the imagery by way of comparing the images available to you. We ask you to structure your report on a site-by-site basis, incorporating for each site a contextual view identifying the location, and a close-up view of the images you analysed (with your mapping of points of comparison on the images);

(c) You are also asked to address any issues you might encounter with the materials listed in the chart annexed to this letter and if any, to clarify what the margin of error is in each case;

(iv) General conclusions, providing an overview of the results you have obtained;

(v) A glossary, in order to make sure that all technical terms and abbreviations will be understandable to a large audience.

You are also requested to attach to your expert report:

(i) The present letter of instructions;



(ii) A statement acknowledging that you personally performed the analysis (in case you would need to resort to other people' input, these individuals would also need to provide such a statement explaining their exact contribution to the mission and provide their *curriculum vitae*);

(iii) Your *curriculum vitae*, emphasizing in particular prior experience you have in this field and if applicable, prior reports and/or testimonies you might have prepared for judicial bodies in relation to this area of expertise.

This mission letter allows you to access all the relevant materials<sup>1</sup> within the Information and Evidence Unit (IEU) vault.

We ask that you submit your expert report by 30 November 2019 and that you treat the information contained in these instructions as confidential. In the event where that deadline would be unfeasible, kindly prepare a report containing at least your results for the "Priority 1" assets and we shall set a new deadline for the remaining "Priority 2" assets.

Would you have any doubt as to your actual task or instructions to be followed, please do not hesitate to contact us for clarifications.

Yours sincerely,

Gilles Dutertre



P/O Sarah Coquillaud

Senior Trial Lawyer

---

<sup>1</sup> Namely all the materials listed as questioned material and reference material, to be found under MLI-OTP-0068-3199, MLI-OTP-0067-1859 and MLI-OTP-0068-3199 together with their respective reports registered under MLI-OTP-0064-0806, MLI-OTP-0066-0559 and MLI-OTP-0069-1320, as well as all the individual videos and photographs that were used to built the drone images and the panoramas (see MLI-OTP-0064-0806).