

Figure 9 Potential of Commercial Satellite Imagery to Update Maps



Maps can be updated to show new areas of urban development, new highways and other features. The areas outlined on this image were shown as undeveloped on a map of Windhoek published in 1984. (© CNES, 1989, SPOT Image Distribution.)

*Geográfico*, published by the Ministério da Educação in Angola, N'Giva seems to be a major centre. It is the capital of the Cunene province in Angola, it is located on the transcontinental highway and it has an airport. However, the SPOT imagery provides a different perspective. N'Giva is less than two km wide and appears to have no large buildings at all. The airport is very small and has few facilities; there is only one runway with small turnarounds at either end, and there appear to be no shelters for aircraft.

Some facilities, particularly those of a military nature, may not be shown in much detail on maps. For example, the 1:50 000 topographic map for Ondangwa shows outlines for the main runways at the South African airbase but not much