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Dear Jenifer,

We have completed the third phase of our project "A New Global Predicted Bathymetry Synthesis for Google Maps & Earth". This delivery is V1 of the global topography/bathymetry at 15 arcseconds. This new grid is based on the latest V23 global gravity model as well as all the new multibeam soundings at NGDC. We originally scheduled the delivery of this version for September, 2014 but a significant reprocessing was needed to clean up the ragged edges of the NGDC multibeam swath data.

The data and results should be copied from the following ftp site.

ftp://topex.ucsd.edu/pub/sandwell/google/03_delivery

README.V1.txt – Explains data format and improvements of this new version with respect to previous versions.

SRTM15.kmz – Google Earth overlay showing bathymetry.

topo15.grd – Global topography and bathymetry for V1 of SRTM15_PLUS.

We will consider this as a second draft of this grid and will supply at least one upgrade over the next 6 months.

The SRTM15_PLUS team,

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