This map presents a satellite-based damage assessment for the affected village of Sveri, South Ossetia, Georgia following the armed conflict between Georgian and Russian military forces in August 2008. Damaged buildings have been identified with WorldView-1 & Formosat-2 satellite imagery acquired on 19 August 2008. Pre-conflict QuickBird imagery in Google Earth was also used. All buildings were classified either as destroyed or severely damaged by standard satellite image interpretation methods. Damaged buildings have been defined either by the total collapse of the structure or when it was standing but with less than 50% of the roof intact. Buildings have been classified as severely damaged if a portion of the roof was damaged but with over 50% of the roof still intact. Buildings not marked in the map were identified as having no visible damage. The estimated total number of affected buildings for the selected village is approximately 151; of this total, 11 buildings have likely been destroyed and 5 buildings have likely been severely damaged. An important preliminary finding of this satellite damage analysis is the observed heavy concentration of damages within clearly defined residential areas. This is an initial damage assessment and has not yet been independently validated on the ground.

Damage Summary for Buildings in Sveri Village:
Total estimate of affected buildings = 16
Of this number:
- 11 buildings have likely been destroyed
- 5 buildings have likely been severely damaged

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1:1,500

Damage Assessment with WorldView-1 & Formosat-2 Satellite Imagery Recorded on 19 August 2008

Map Legend:
- Building on Fire during Satellite Image Acquisition
- Severe Damage
- Likely Destoyed
- Building Likely

SATELLITE IMAGE REFERENCE
- Damaged Buildings & Active Fire
- Industrial Building Area
- Minor Road & Cultivated Area
- River & Functional Bridge
- Approximate South Ossetia Boundary
- Sveri

Map Scale for A3: 1:2,200

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