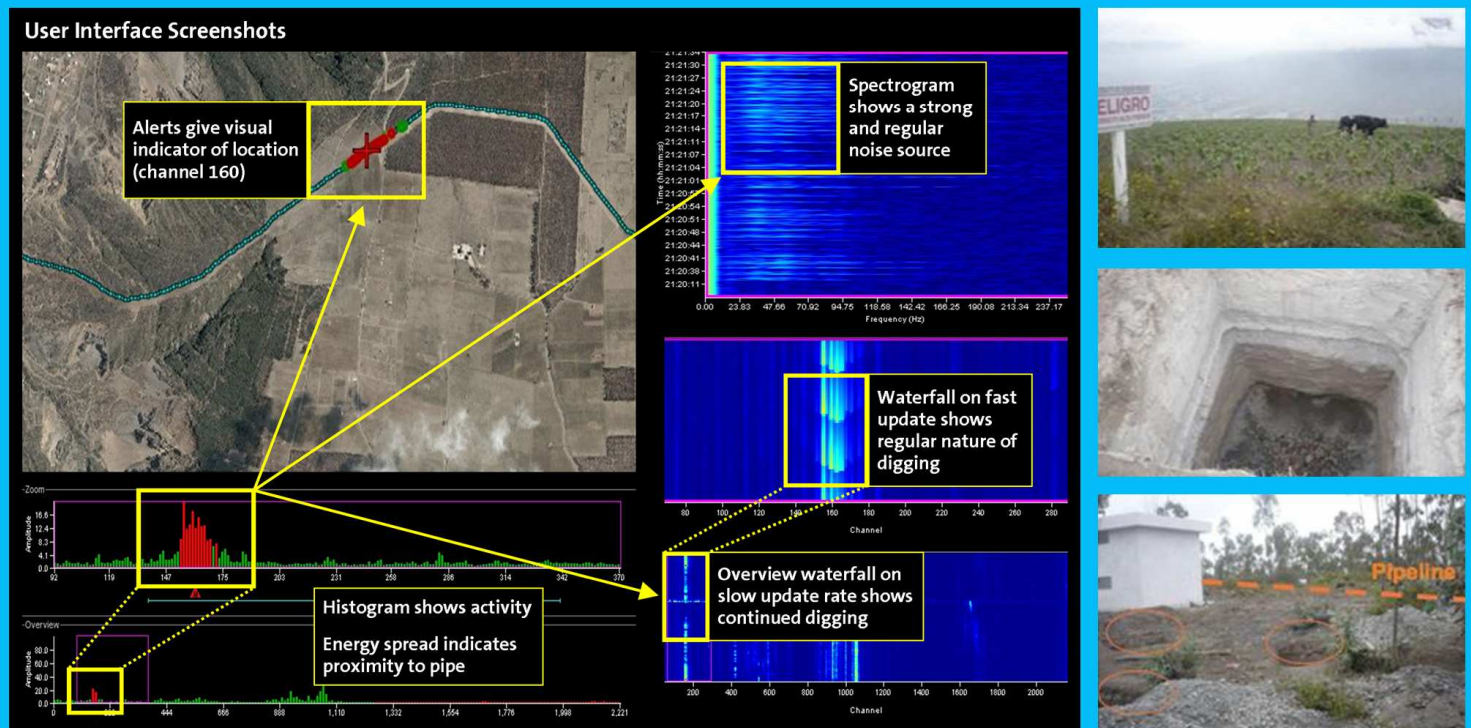


# Third Party Interference - Ecuador



## OptaSense raises digging alert

Activity detected, classified and located

## Activity investigated

A patrol is despatched to investigate

## Construction crew found

Digging 20m away from the pipeline

## Permission papers verified

Construction crew aware of pipeline

In early 2009 OptaSense were contracted to provide third party interference protection on a pipeline in Ecuador.

OptaSense were live after the first day of installation and during week one, digging alerts were encountered on a remote agricultural section of the pipeline.

The operators visually and aurally confirmed that the disturbance required immediate investigation. Alert coordinates, with a 10m accuracy were provided.

A security patrol found a construction crew preparing foundations for a four post telecoms mast within 20m of the pipe! Fortunately the construction workers permission papers were in order and they were aware of the presence of the pipe.

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