



# Investigating companies

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*Tips & tricks*



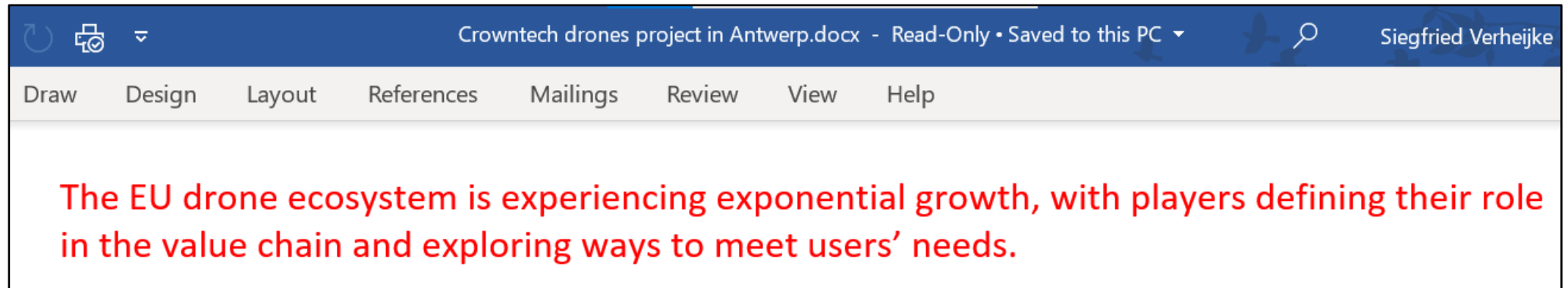
# Research – corroborating info

- *Google search*
- *Check domain name: whois.com, ...*
- *Google Earth, Google Street View*
- *Check authenticity of pics on website (reverse image)*
- *Hong Kong-specific resources*

# Google & Internet search

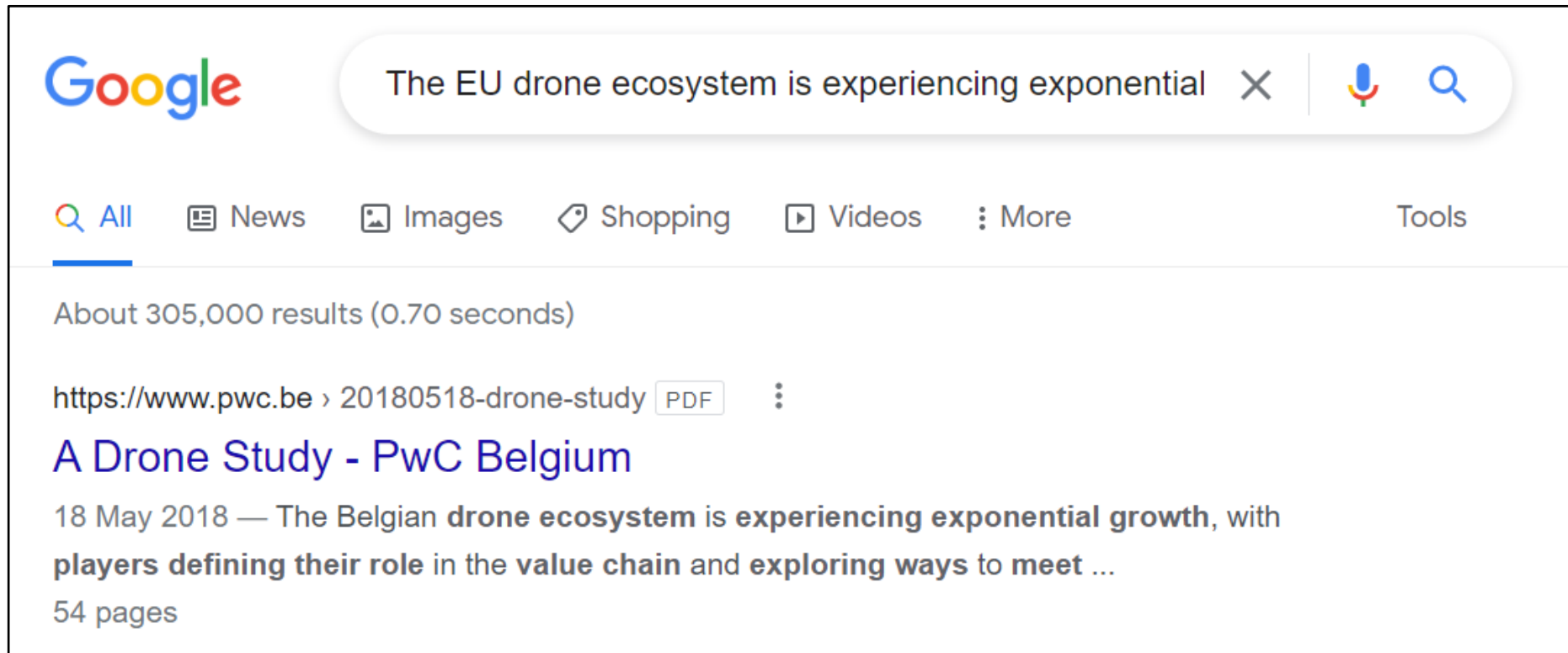
- *Name, address (complete, correct?), people, articles...*
- *Other websites: find corroborating info*
- *Google: 'scam' or 'fraud' + company name/person*
- *Search or plagiarism*
- *LinkedIn presence*
- *Also search in Chinese*

# Plagiarism



*Example: Hong Kong company Crowntech*

# Plagiarism



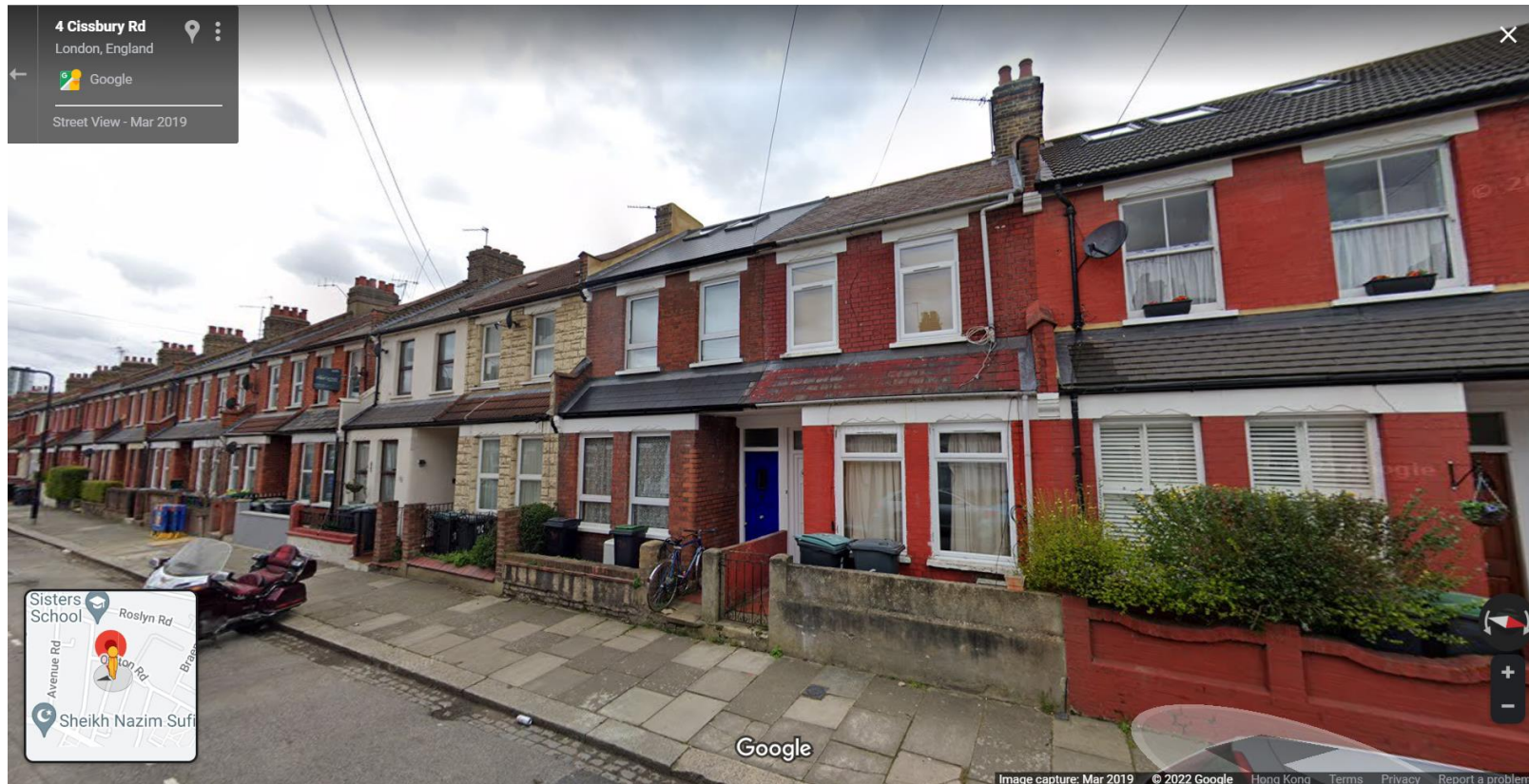
The screenshot shows a Google search interface. The search bar contains the text "The EU drone ecosystem is experiencing exponential". Below the search bar, the "All" tab is selected. The search results show "About 305,000 results (0.70 seconds)". The first result is a PDF document titled "A Drone Study - PwC Belgium" from the URL "https://www.pwc.be > 20180518-drone-study". The snippet for this result reads: "18 May 2018 — The Belgian **drone ecosystem is experiencing exponential growth**, with **players defining their role in the value chain and exploring ways to meet ...**". The document is noted as being 54 pages long.

# Domain name (Whois search)

## Raw Whois Data

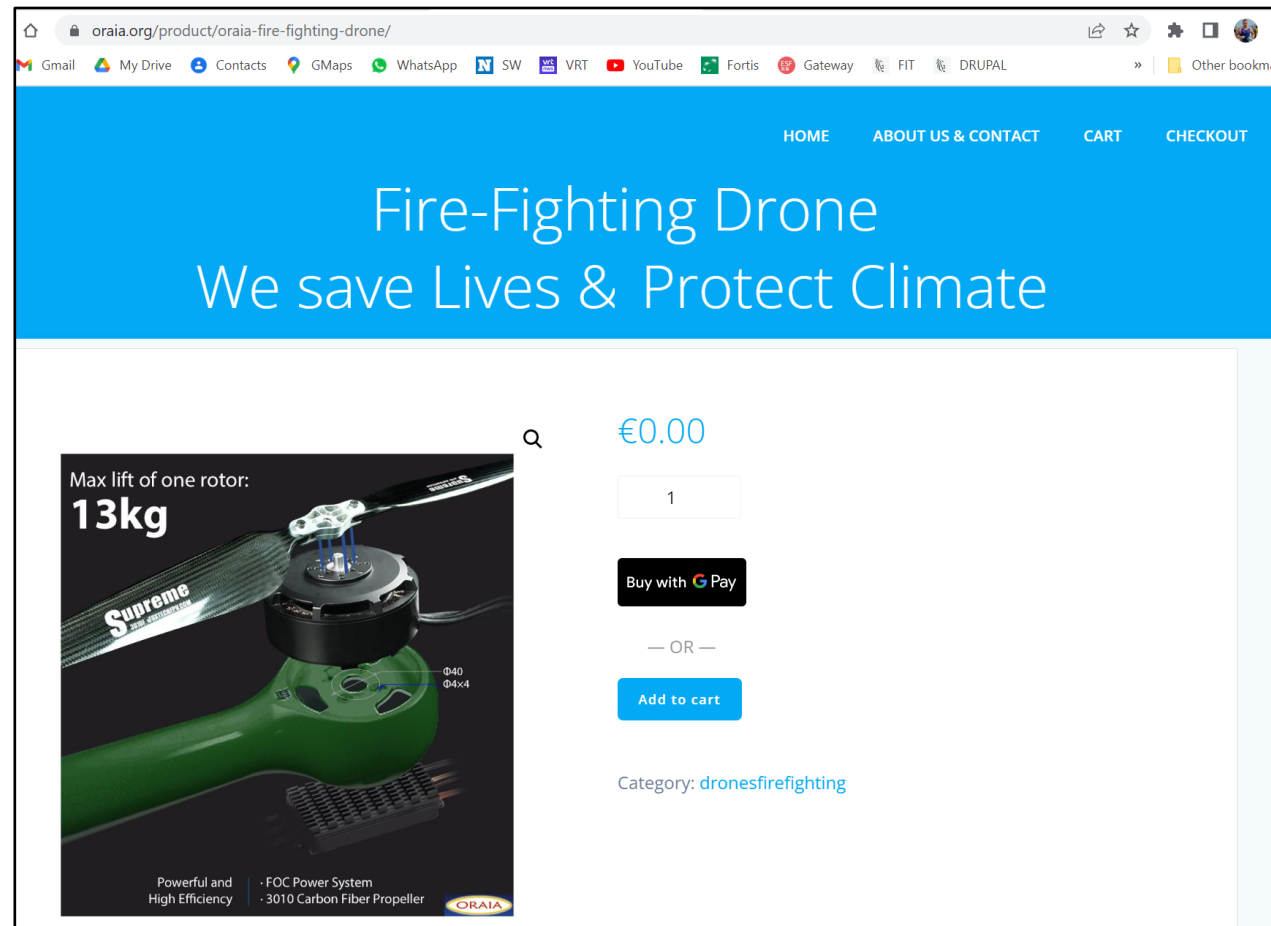
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Registry Domain ID: 85767791_DOMAIN_COM-VRSN
Registrar WHOIS Server: whois.rppproxy.net
Registrar URL: http://www.combell.com
Updated Date: 2022-04-20T07:20:17Z
Creation Date: 2002-04-19T15:09:51Z
Registrar Registration Expiration Date: 2023-04-19T15:09:51Z
Registrar: Key-Systems GmbH
Registrar IANA ID: 269
Registrar Abuse Contact Email: abuserreport@key-systems.net
Registrar Abuse Contact Phone: +49.68949396850
Domain Status: ok https://icann.org/epp#ok
Registry Registrant ID: REDACTED FOR PRIVACY
Registrant Name: REDACTED FOR PRIVACY
Registrant Organization: REDACTED FOR PRIVACY
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# Google Earth and Street View





# Pictures: generic, authentic?



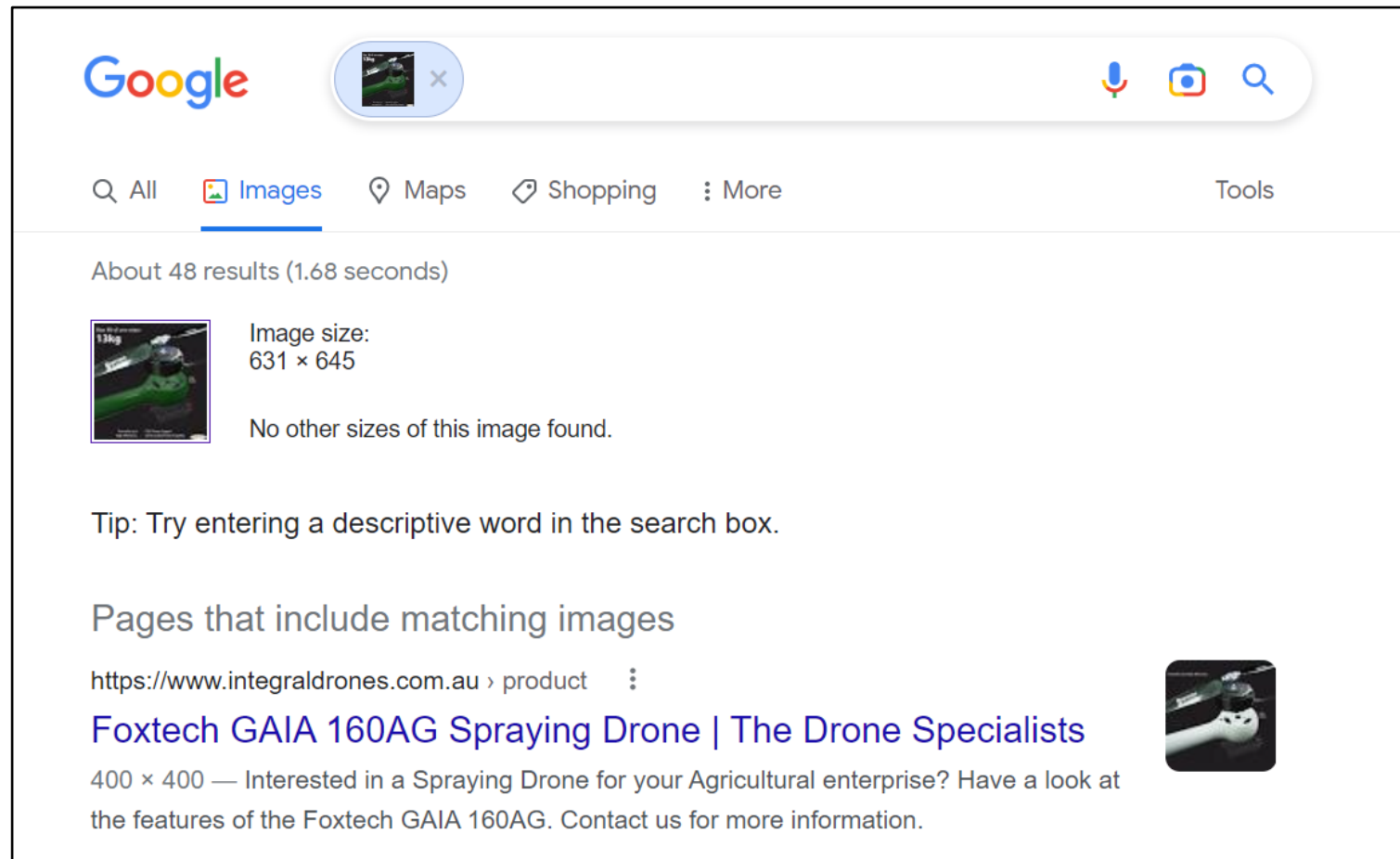
The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `oraia.org/product/oraia-fire-fighting-drone/`. The browser's address bar and bookmark bar are visible at the top. The website's navigation menu includes `HOME`, `ABOUT US & CONTACT`, `CART`, and `CHECKOUT`. The main heading reads "Fire-Fighting Drone" with the tagline "We save Lives & Protect Climate".

The product image features a green drone rotor assembly. Text on the image includes "Max lift of one rotor: 13kg" and "Supreme 3000". Technical specifications are listed as "Ø40" and "Ø4x4". The bottom of the image contains the text "Powerful and High Efficiency" and "FOC Power System · 3010 Carbon Fiber Propeller" along with the ORAIA logo.

To the right of the image, the price is displayed as "€0.00". Below the price is a quantity selector with the number "1". There is a "Buy with Google Pay" button, followed by "— OR —" and a blue "Add to cart" button. The category is listed as "Category: [dronesfirefighting](#)".



# Pictures: generic, authentic?



The screenshot shows a Google search interface. At the top left is the Google logo. To its right is a search bar containing a small image of a green drone with a white 'x' icon. Further right are icons for voice search, image search, and a magnifying glass. Below the search bar are navigation tabs: 'All', 'Images' (which is underlined), 'Maps', 'Shopping', and 'More'. On the far right of this row is a 'Tools' link. Below the navigation is a message: 'About 48 results (1.68 seconds)'. The first search result is a small image of a green drone. To its right, the text reads: 'Image size: 631 x 645' and 'No other sizes of this image found.' Below this is a tip: 'Tip: Try entering a descriptive word in the search box.' Underneath is a section titled 'Pages that include matching images'. The first result is a link to 'https://www.integraldrones.com.au > product' with a vertical ellipsis icon to its right. Below the link is the title 'Foxtech GAIA 160AG Spraying Drone | The Drone Specialists' in blue text. To the right of the title is a small square image of the drone. Below the title is the text: '400 x 400 — Interested in a Spraying Drone for your Agricultural enterprise? Have a look at the features of the Foxtech GAIA 160AG. Contact us for more information.'

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# Hong Kong resources

- *Hong Kong Registry*
- *HKTDC*
- *Visit the company*
- ...

# What to do in case of fraud?

*Report to Hong Kong Police e-Report Centre*

<https://www1.erc.police.gov.hk/cmiserc/CCC/PolicePublicPage?language=en>



## Report Technology Crime and Deception

**Step 1**

Points to Note



**Step 2**

Particulars of Informant



**Step 3**

Report Details



**Step 4**

Preview