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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Hazardous environments can be found in many industrial application areas, including nuclear, oil and gas, space and mining. The inspection, maintenance and repair of assets in these environments can often only be achieved using robotic platforms due to safety or access restrictions. For many of these application areas, the adoption of robotic technology is likely to secure long-term commercial and sustainable viability.

A significant amount of research is being conducted in the UK to develop robotic solutions to overcome some of the challenges faced in these hazardous environments through the four-year Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund's "Robotics for a Safer World" scheme. This Special Issue aims to disseminate and promote the advanced research developments generated by this scheme in the areas of robotics, autonomous systems, integrated sensing and mission planning with an emphasis on real-world deployments.

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