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INTRODUCING A NEW CAPABILITY OF SPACE ACCESS FOR AUSTRALIA AND ASIA PACIFIC

Introducing Asia Pacific Launch a joint venture company bringing together three countries and global firms Space Centre Australia and Orbit Boy in a collaboration to provide cost effective, fast, reliable, and safe LEO access to space with a unique air dropped horizontal launch system. With primary operations based in the ASIA Pac Region, Asia Pacific Launch is a groundbreaking launch as a service capability and will provide customers with autonomous access to Low Earth Orbit with up to 200kg per launch including ride share and multiple payload configuration options.

This joint venture was made possible through a collaborative multinational effort between Space Centre Australia (AUS / UK), Orbit Boy (AUS / UK) and the United Kingdom Department for Business & Trade with additional support and facilitation through the Australia / United Kingdom Space Bridge.

Asia Pacific Launch will also provide exciting opportunities for manufacturing, employment, research and development and acceleration of economic growth within Australia's space industry and manufacturing sectors.

Orbit Boy's Co-Founder Mr. Volodymyr Usov said *"This collaboration between two great companies will bring a totally new capability and mechanism for launch to LEO to the Asia Pacific region and provide much needed access to the rapidly growing LEO launch sector in Australia and Asia Pacific."*

Access to critical launch infrastructure globally is becoming highly competitive. Proven, safe and reliable technology with stable critical launch infrastructure and a diverse offering of launch providers is key to successful LEO launch missions and LEO space domain management.

Space Centre Australia's CEO Mr. James Palmer said: *"This Joint Venture represents an exciting time for Australia's Space Industry and with the introduction of Asia Pacific Launch working collaboratively with other launch providers and payload owners into the highly competitive LEO Launch sector we will soon see access to space become more unified, more affordable, and more readily available for payload owners seeking cost effective, time efficient and safe access to LEO from Australia. Additionally, our Joint Venture will add a complementary capability offering to Space Centre Australia's operations in the LEO market."*

This Joint Venture will also provide opportunities for international collaboration across space faring nations and provide opportunities for businesses to utilize intergovernmental initiatives such as the AUS UK Space Bridge that can bring together a wide variety of businesses to successfully complete LEO missions and enhance the already highly competitive global space industry value chain.

Joshua Broom, Head of Space at the UK Department for Business & Trade said: *“It is great to see Space Centre Australia leading this new collaboration, further building on their expansion in the UK, through Harwell in Oxfordshire, enabled by the Space Bridge. The company is part of the UK Space Trade Delegation to the Avalon Airshow 2023, the largest space sector delegation the UK Government has ever brought to Australia. There is no better time to further strengthen the space partnerships between these three nations, and we are excited to support this trilateral venture in the future.”*

This Joint Venture exemplifies how the space industry can bring countries together for the benefit of humanity and to enhance the peaceful uses of outer space. Asia Pacific Launch comprises of a multi-national team of industry experts from UK, Ukraine and Australia and the venture provides opportunity to help other countries rebuild and enhance their space and manufacturing industries. Further, this joint venture will greatly enhance space domain management in LEO providing fast access for future small satellites, autonomous robotic payloads for space debris and satellite management.

Ambassador to Ukraine His Excellency Mr. Vasyl Myroshnychenko said: “I am pleased to see the launch of this collaboration. The JV will tap into Ukraine’s know-how and expertise in the space industry provided by Orbit Boy, a company with the Ukrainian founders. I look forward to further developing cooperation between Ukraine and Australia in the space sector and beyond.”

This is an exciting time for Australia’s rapidly growing launch sector and the team at Asia Pacific Launch expect more development and launch diversity options to become available over time and with support from it’s joint venture partners companies like Asia Pacific Launch will become highly valued in this industry sector.



Left to Right: Mr. Nick Mullings, HE Vasal Myroshnychenko (Ambassador to Ukraine in Australia), British High Commissioner Ms. Vicki Treadell, Mr. James Palmer.

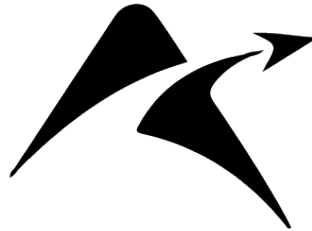


Left to Right: Mr. James Palmer (CEO Space Centre Australia), Mr. Tom Young (Director Orbit Boy PLC), HE Vasal Myroshnychenko (Ambassador to Ukraine in Australia)

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