

## MEDIA RELEASE

### A new era in Space Collaboration Begins!

Space Centre Australia (SCA) and HStar Space Transport have sealed two major strategic services contracts to propel the Artemis program and HStar's ambitious commercial space missions into the future. These groundbreaking agreements will see HStar's heavy-class launch missions operate out of SCA's cutting-edge facilities in Cape York and North Queensland, Australia, as well as collaborative development projects at locations for Space Centre Australia's Virginia, USA and for HStar in California.

### A Bold Vision for 2030 and Beyond

The anchor tenancy agreement marks a monumental leap forward for both organizations, enabling SCA to provide premier land and state-of-the-art facilities to support HStar's multi-mission launches to Low Earth Orbit (LEO) and beyond. With a projected launch cadence of 10 missions per year by 2035, construction of these facilities will begin mid-2025 across key locations between Mareeba, North Queensland, and Cape York.

This agreement doesn't just offer infrastructure. It ensures full-service support, covering everything from securing Australian Launch Permits to handling airspace management, and overseeing environmental compliance with both the Queensland and Federal Governments.

### Innovative Research for Tomorrow's Challenges

In a pioneering move, SCA and HStar have also signed a transformative teaming agreement under the Artemis Spaceport Research Program. This partnership will tackle some of the biggest challenges in spaceport operations and deep space missions, bringing together expertise from corporate partners, academia, and government agencies.



## **Leadership Speaks**

Hon. Scott Morrison, Non-Executive Chairman of Space Centre Australia highlighted:

*“SCA’s agreement with HStar speaks to the shared ambition we both have for the future of the space industry and the important role Australia will play globally in space. We are both new ventures with bold, long term plans. Our future development is strongly aligned, and we will each play an important role in each other’s success.”*

Mr. James Palmer, CEO of Space Centre Australia, highlighted the significance of the partnership, stating: *“This historic opportunity positions Space Centre Australia and HStar at the forefront of the global space race. Together, we will deliver world-class launch capabilities, manufacturing innovation, and mission success from both the U.S. and Australia. This groundbreaking partnership will drive economic growth, create high-value jobs, and open up new opportunities for the space industries in both nations.”*

Mr. Nick Orenstein, COO of HStar, added: *“Our immediate collaboration and long-term launch partnership with Space Centre Australia advances global space operations for worldwide public and private customers. HStar and SCA are teaming up to enhance international cooperation at a time in the industry when this is broadly demanded. Together we strengthen our positions to offer heavy launch services from Australia’s strategic location. This partnership underscores Space Centre Australia’s crucial role in driving forward our shared goals of technological and economic advancement.”*

## **About Space Centre Australia**

As Australia's premier multi-use spaceport, Space Centre Australia is committed to shaping the future of both domestic and international space industries. Its strategically located facilities in Northern Queensland provide unparalleled access to key orbital positions, with safety, security, and operational excellence at the core of its mission.

## **About HStar Space Transportation**

HStar is a multi-national collaboration headquartered in Los Angeles, California, and led by a seasoned team from SpaceX, NASA, and CNES. It offers an independent, fully reusable heavy-class space transport solution, leveraging a well-established supply chain and global spaceport partnerships. HStar’s multi-mission, reconfigurable vehicles cost-effectively close the gaps in Earth orbit transport globally.



*Left: Hon. Scott Morrison Space Centre Australia Non-Executive Chairman, Center: Mr. Nick Orenstein COO HStar Space, Mr. James Palmer CEO Space Centre Australia*

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