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SATELLITE BUSINESS

SES and Sky Sign Multi-Year Satellite Capacity Agreement
30 September 2026 – SES and Sky have extended their long-standing partnership in a new multi-year agreement for direct-to-home (DTH) satellite services across the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland, running into the next decade. Under the agreement, Sky will continue to leverage SES's satellite capacity at the 28.2 degrees East orbital position to deliver television services to millions of households across the region. The renewal extends a partnership that dates to 1988 and reinforces satellite's ongoing role in delivering premium television experiences at scale. Read more

Thaicom Announces Company Name Change to "Gulf Space Technology Public Company Limited"
25 September 2026 – Thaicom Public Company Limited ("Thaicom") today announced that it has officially changed its company name to Gulf Space Technology Public Company Limited, effective 17 September 2026. The company will begin trading on the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) under its new ticker symbol, "GST", effective 28 September 2026. The new company name reflects the company's strategic direction to transition from a communications satellite operator to a space technology company, positioning itself to capture business opportunities in the New Space Economy while aligning with the group's long-term business strategy. Read more

SES Advances Satellite Manufacturing Facility in Luxembourg

24 September 2026 – SES has commenced construction of a new satellite manufacturing facility in Kockelscheuer, Luxembourg, marking a major milestone in the company's vertical integration and business model evolution. The facility will enhance SES' ability to design, develop and manufacture critical satellite technologies, accelerating the deployment of next-generation satellite networks and secure communications solutions. It will also help create a hub for innovation and enable SES partners and ecosystem with opportunities. The new facility in Kockelscheuer is at the center of Luxembourg's effort to build and scale a dedicated Space Campus to stimulate New Space companies and industrial collaboration, and serve as a center for engineering, testing, manufacturing and assembly, accelerating development of future satellite systems such as SES' meoSphere. Read more

Eutelsat Expands Resilient LEO Connectivity across Portugal in Partnership with MEO

23 September 2026 – Eutelsat and MEO, Portugal's leading telecommunications operator, today announced a new partnership agreement to expand the delivery of Eutelsat's OneWeb Low Earth Orbit (LEO) connectivity services in Portugal. Under the agreement, MEO will integrate Eutelsat's OneWeb LEO services into its connectivity solutions, combining satellite, fibre and 5G technologies, to provide resilient backup connectivity for businesses, public administrations, municipalities and critical infrastructure operators across the country. The agreement builds on a longstanding infrastructure partnership, with MEO hosting Eutelsat's ground station infrastructure for several years, supporting first its GEO fleet and now the OneWeb LEO constellation. Eutelsat and MEO work closely together to support service continuity and ensure security across both sites. Read more

UZ-SAT and APT Satellite Sign Cooperation Agreement in Satellite Communications

23 September 2026 – During ICT Week Uzbekistan 2026, Minister of Digital Technologies of the Republic of Uzbekistan Sherzod Shermatov met with senior management of APT Satellite Company Limited (APT Satellite) to discuss the development of satellite communications, telecommunications infrastructure, and expanded cooperation in Central Asia. The parties explored the satellite communications market in Uzbekistan, APT Satellite's business plans in the country, and opportunities to leverage its existing and future satellites to expand telecommunications services—including satellite broadband Internet, broadcasting, and other digital services—as well as its plans for fleet expansion and the launch of advanced new satellites to improve service quality across Central Asia. A key outcome of the meeting was the signing of a cooperation agreement between APT Satellite and UZ-SAT in the presence of Minister Sherzod Shermatov, aimed at advancing practical cooperation in satellite communications and digital infrastructure. The agreement was signed by Jasper Tan, Vice President of APT Satellite, and Bakhrom Azimov, CEO of UZ-SAT. Read more

Viasat Wins First Task Order Award as part of $307 Million Ceiling U.S. Marine Corps Enterprise Services Contract for Multi-Orbit Connectivity

23 September 2026 – Viasat announced it was awarded, through its subsidiary Inmarsat Government, Inc., the Marine Enterprise Commercial Satcom Satellite Services (MECS2) contract from the U.S. Space Force Commercial Satellite Communications Office (CSCO). Viasat has received an initial $42 million task order award under what is a seven-year, up to $307 million ceiling Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract through which Viasat will provide fully managed, end-to-end global satellite services for the United States Marine Corps (USMC). The award builds on Viasat's history of providing managed SATCOM services to the USMC, as well as continued access to a global, resilient terrestrial network for secure data transport. Viasat's government SATCOM team, under the company's Communication Services segment, will deliver global satellite connectivity services across L-, Ku, and Ka-bands through flexible terminal solutions and satellites across orbits from Viasat and its ecosystem partners. Read more

Rohde & Schwarz Acquires NEOSAT and PHYTRONIC and Strengthens its Competencies in Sovereign Satellite Communications

23 September 2026 – The global technology group Rohde & Schwarz strengthens its position in the strategically growing space market with the acquisition of NEOSAT and PHYTRONIC. At the same time, the company is relying on a model that is becoming increasingly crucial in view of the international pace of innovation, one that combines specialized deep-tech expertise with industrial development, production and scalability to build sustainable and powerful European value-added structures. With the acquisition of the two deep-tech companies at the Dresden business and innovation location, Rohde & Schwarz will bundle two components of communications technology: hardware design for satellite payload and ground infrastructure on the one hand and waveform development for aerospace systems on the other. Both fields of competence contribute to sovereign communications in space. This significantly strengthens and expands vertical integration at Rohde & Schwarz as well as its ability to compete and grow in the SATCOM market. Read more

Eutelsat Advances Connected Rail with Successful OneWeb LEO Trial in Poland

22 September 2026 – Eutelsat has successfully completed its first rail connectivity trial in Poland aboard a long-distance train, demonstrating its OneWeb LEO connectivity capabilities on a live rail network. The trial was led by ACO Solutions as the key systems integrator, with support from HispaSat as the distribution partner and Eutelsat. It was conducted aboard a PKP Intercity long-distance train travelling at speeds of up to 160 km/h on routes connecting Kozłów – Warszawa – Tczew. The trial used the recently TÜV Rheinland rail-certified Kymeta Kestrel™ u5 terminal, engineered to meet the tough and demanding requirements of the rail environment. The Kestrel™ u5 is purpose-built for modern rail connectivity, featuring a high IP rating (IP69K) for durability and reliability, and optimised power consumption (averaging under 100W) for mobile platforms. Eutelsat's OneWeb LEO connectivity was tested for the first time on a live rail network in Poland, gathering performance data and assessing seamless switching between satellite and terrestrial technologies throughout the journey. Read more

SES to Support JioStar's Broadcast Service Expansion across India

21 September 2026 – SES and JioStar, South Asia's largest media conglomerate, today announced a new multi-year deal under which SES will provide satellite distribution services for JioStar's portfolio of television channels across India and the Indian sub-continent using the IS-20 satellite. The agreement enables JioStar to distribute its channels reliably to cable, DTH and broadcast distribution networks across the region, ensuring consistent, high-quality delivery to millions of households. By transitioning its services to SES's IS-20 satellite, JioStar benefits from a resilient and future-ready broadcast platform with extensive coverage across India and South Asia. IS-20 is part of SES's established video neighborhood serving broadcasters, media companies, telecom operators and government customers across Europe, the Middle East, Africa and the Asia-Pacific region. Read more

SSC Space and Airbus Expand Cooperation on Pléiades Neo and the New Pléiades Neo Next

21 September 2026 – SSC Space has signed a contract with Airbus Defence and Space to provide extended ground station support for the Pléiades Neo mission and the new Pléiades Neo Next mission. SSC Space will serve as the prime ground segment provider for these two very-high-resolution Airbus Earth observation programs, using SSC Space ground stations at Esrange Space Center in Sweden, Inuvik Satellite Station Facility in Canada, and Punta Arenas Station in Chile. Pléiades Neo provides native 30 cm optical resolution, while Pléiades Neo Next is designed to add 20 cm-class native resolution and higher revisit. This fleet of satellites strengthens Airbus' Earth observation capabilities and reinforces its leading position in geospatial technologies. Read more

SKY Perfect JSAT Receives Certification from NASA - Honored for Artemis II Tracking Support as Asia's Sole Private-Sector Contributor

18 September 2026 – SKY Perfect JSAT Corporation today announced that National Aeronautics and

Space Administration (NASA) has honored the company with a Letter of Appreciation and a Certificate of Recognition for supporting the Artemis II crewed lunar mission. SKY Perfect JSAT was the sole private-sector contributor from Asia to the international tracking support effort. During the mission, the company served as a ground station partner, receiving and measuring one-way Doppler signals transmitted from the Orion spacecraft. Building on its proven capabilities in satellite communications and ground station operations, SKY Perfect JSAT will continue partnering with space agencies and commercial organizations worldwide to strengthen the infrastructure that supports future space missions. Read more

ViaSat-3 F2 Enters Service, Expanding Capacity and Enabling Growth across the Americas

17 September 2026 – Viasat announced that its ViaSat-3 (VS3) F2 satellite has entered service across the Americas, significantly expanding the company's network capacity, flexibility and resilience across the region. The satellite strengthens Viasat's ability to deliver advanced connectivity services while creating new opportunities for growth in key markets and enhancing network economics. ViaSat-3 F2 is designed to provide more than one terabit per second of throughput capacity over the Americas, significantly increasing the company's ability to meet growing demand for reliable connectivity in the air, at sea and on the ground. With ViaSat-3 F1 already in service and F3 entering service across Asia-Pacific in August, completion of the ViaSat-3 constellation has tripled the bandwidth available across Viasat's global fleet, providing the scale, flexibility and reach needed to better support the company's aviation, maritime, government, and broadband customers and establishing a powerful foundation for continued growth. Read more

Orange and Telesat Inaugurate Europe's First Telesat Lightspeed Gateway in France

17 September 2026 – Orange, one of the world's leading telco operators and digital service providers, and Telesat LEO ULC, a subsidiary of Telesat Corporation, announced the commissioning of the first European gateway for the Telesat Lightspeed constellation. Hosted within Orange's World Teleport Association Tier-4 certified teleport in Bercenay-en-Othe, France, this state-of-the-art gateway is a key component of Telesat's terrestrial infrastructure and will support the deployment of the planned initial 225 satellites that will form the Telesat Lightspeed constellation. Ground segment connectivity will be provided by Orange through a secure high-speed network connecting the station to Telesat's planned point of presence (PoP) in Paris, delivering the high availability and low latency required for mission-critical applications. The selection of Bercenay-en-Othe was driven by operational excellence, security certifications, and the ability to rapidly integrate cutting-edge technologies. Read more

Sateliot Selected by ESA to Contribute to the Low-LEO Layer of Europe's IRIS² Sovereign Connectivity Programme

17 September 2026 – Sateliot has been selected by the European Space Agency (ESA) to take part in the Consolidation Phase of the ESA's IRIS² Low-LEO Pre-operational and De-risk Activities, contributing under a project named RESCUE-NET (Resilient European Sovereign Communications Unified Ecosystem – NTN). Within the activity, Sateliot will study future-oriented Direct-to-Device (D2D) and secure IoT connectivity use cases. The company will define the way how non-terrestrial network (NTN) capabilities, built on the 3GPP standard for satellite and terrestrial convergence, can extend resilient, sovereign communications to European governmental users. The scenarios range from continuity of service to emergency and remote connectivity where terrestrial networks fall short. Read more

OQ Technology Lands its First Project in Australia

17 September 2026 – OQ Technology Australia today announced that its project "Space-Enabled Smart Sensing for Forest Monitoring" is one of five collaborative projects awarded funding through NSSN Grand Challenge Fund 2026. The collaborative initiative brings together the NSW Smart Sensing Network (NSSN), Western Sydney University, University of NSW (UNSW), the NSW Space Research Network (SRN), Scenic World, Blue Mountains World Heritage Institute, and OQ Technology. The

collaboration builds on prior engagement between OQ Technology, the NSW Space Research Network (SRN), and Western Sydney University, and has been brought together through the NSSN Grand Challenge Fund to deliver an integrated research and industry partnership. Read more

NIGCOMSAT Selects Hughes JUPITER Scalable Gateway to Support Nigeria's Next-Generation Satellite Program

16 September 2026 – Hughes Network Systems today announced that Nigerian Communications Satellite Limited (NIGCOMSAT) has selected the JUPITER scalable gateway system to support the operator's next-generation satellites, NIGCOMSAT-2A and NIGCOMSAT-2B. The contract award underscores the role of Hughes as a trusted partner in advancing secure, high-capacity satellite connectivity across Africa. Under the contract, Hughes will deliver a JUPITER scalable gateway system designed to support capacity deployment across the new satellites. The solution will enable multi-band operations across Ka-, Ku-, and C-bands, supporting high-speed broadband, enterprise, and government services throughout Nigeria and the wider region. Read more

Viasat and PGZ Exploring Collaboration on Advanced Satellite Communications and Space Capabilities

16 September 2026 – Viasat and Polska Grupa Zbrojeniowa (PGZ) have signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) to explore opportunities to strengthen Poland's satellite communications and space capabilities in support of the country's evolving defense and security requirements. The agreement was officially signed on September 16th in Warsaw. Under the agreement, the two organizations will evaluate potential areas for cooperation across advanced satellite communications and space technologies, including ground station antennas, SATCOM terminals, military communications satellites, and other space-enabled applications. PGZ, Poland's leading state-owned defense group, plays a central role in supporting the country's defense modernization and industrial development objectives in alignment with the Polish government and Ministry of National Defence. Through this collaboration, Viasat and PGZ aim to identify opportunities to advance Poland's space ambitions while strengthening national defense and industrial capabilities. Read more

SES and Elveo Mobile Deepen Collaboration to Advance Direct-to-Device Services in Europe

15 September 2026 – SES, a global leader in space solutions, and Elveo Mobile, the company that delivers mobile connectivity and elevated intelligence for a planet on the move, today announced the expansion of their collaboration to accelerate delivery of direct-to-device (D2D) services in Europe. SES will leverage Elveo's patented, proven and cost-effective D2D technology to enable seamless mobile roaming capabilities for European consumers, businesses, governments, institutional, and defense users. To further this vision, SES and Elveo Mobile will collaborate to establish manufacturing capabilities and a robust supply chain in Europe for the productions of the Low-Earth Orbit (LEO) D2D satellites, using Elveo's patented D2D satellite bus, payload and software technology stack. Read more

CanarySat and KTSAT Sign Strategic Interoperability MoU

15 September 2026 – CanarySat, a next-generation satellite services provider and operator of the MAGEC Constellation, and KTSAT, a leading Korean satellite communications operator, today signed a Strategic Interoperability Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Paris during the International Space Summit, establishing a framework for technical and commercial cooperation in satellite interoperability and services. The MoU reinforces interoperability as one of the fundamental pillars of MAGEC's value proposition, supporting the development of an open and flexible satellite architecture capable of working alongside other operators, constellations and communications networks. As satellite infrastructure becomes increasingly essential for secure and resilient connectivity, the ability to coordinate capacity and services between independent systems is becoming a key requirement. Through this MoU, CanarySat and KTSAT will explore mechanisms for capacity exchange, service continuity and coordinated access to satellite resources, creating new opportunities for future

commercial cooperation. Read more

Telesat and SatPort Infrastructure Sign Global Build-to-Suit Agreement to Expand Telesat Lightspeed Ground Network

15 September 2026 – Telesat LEO ULC, a subsidiary of Telesat Corporation, and SatPort Infrastructure, a leading carrier-neutral ground infrastructure platform provider backed by global investment firm EQT, announced today a global build-to-suit Master Services Agreement (MSA) to develop, build and host certain landing stations to support the Telesat Lightspeed constellation. The agreement gives Telesat a capital-efficient, rapidly scalable path to expand its ground segment worldwide, and establishes SatPort as a non-exclusive strategic partner for one of the most advanced enterprise- and defence-grade LEO networks. The MSA is a framework agreement for how SatPort can provide multiple landing stations across the globe that are built to Telesat's design specs, converting ground-segment capital expenditure into predictable operating costs. SatPort's build-to-suit model is designed to meet the sovereign and in-country data-landing requirements that increasingly govern satellite connectivity while ensuring Telesat retains ownership, control and operations of all network elements. Read more

neXat, Telesat and Colt Selected by ESA to Build CableShield, a €1.5 Million Automated Satellite Backup System for Submarine Cable Networks

15 September 2026 – neXat, the Brussels-based multi-orbit satcom operations specialist, has been selected by the European Space Agency (ESA), under the ARTES 4.0 programme, to lead CableShield, a €1.5 million project to automate satellite backup for submarine fibre networks. neXat, as the provider of the new innovative platform, will act as prime contractor, working with satellite operator Telesat and telecoms infrastructure provider Colt Technology Services Belgium to design, build and field-demonstrate a system that detects submarine cable interruptions and switches affected traffic to satellite connectivity without manual intervention. Read more

Intellian and Network Innovations Sign Strategic Partnership to Develop and Distribute Multi-Band, Multi-Orbit WGS Flyaway Terminals

15 September 2026 – Intellian Technologies, a global provider of advanced satellite communications technologies and mission-critical connectivity solutions, and Network Innovations, a global technology systems integrator focused on government, military and enterprise sectors, today announced a strategic partnership to jointly develop and distribute next-generation tactical ground Wideband Global SATCOM (WGS) flyaway terminals for military and government customers. Developed with insights from Network Innovations' 20+ years of real-world operational experience in supporting military and WGS customers in some of the most demanding missions, the new flyaway terminal platform is designed to be the world's first to support simultaneous Mil-X, Mil Ka-band and Commercial Ka and Ku-band connectivity, with electronic switching across an extended range of Ka-band frequencies. Read more

Arabsat and GMV Collaborate to Build a Next-Generation Mission Control Center

15 September 2026 – Technology multinational GMV has secured a new contract from Arabsat for the provision of a next-generation Mission Control Center (MCC) designed to manage Arabsat's upcoming fleet of flexible, software-defined satellites. The award reflects Arabsat's continued confidence in GMV and marks a new milestone in a technology partnership that began in 2004. The new MCC will provide Arabsat with a versatile, scalable and future-ready system capable of supporting advanced payload operations and evolving service requirements. It will enable efficient planning, configuration and control of digital satellite payloads, while ensuring high performance, availability and operational reliability. Read more

ST Engineering iDirect Powers Datacom with Intuition Ground System for Cloud-Native Ground Services across Asia-Pacific

14 September 2026 – ST Engineering iDirect, a leader in satellite communications, is powering leading satcom integrator and service provider Datacom with its Intuition ground system, enabling Datacom to deliver cloud native services for satellite operators across the Asia Pacific region. Intuition improves bandwidth efficiency, enables multi orbit operations, accelerates network modernization without vendor lock in, and introduces a flexible bring your own hardware architecture. As operators face unprecedented growth in data demand and the operational complexity of hybrid GEO and NGSO networks, ST Engineering iDirect is enabling Datacom to set a new benchmark for ground operations in the region. The deployment of Intuition supports Datacom's Satellite Modernization Blueprint, a scalable, repeatable framework designed to help operators transition to software defined, cloud native architectures. Through moving away from traditional five to ten year hardware migration cycles, Datacom will enable its customers to achieve immediate agility, faster service activation, and more efficient use of network resources. Read more

SWISSto12 and Mitsubishi Electric Corporation Announce Strategic Partnership

14 September 2026 – SWISSto12 today announced a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Mitsubishi Electric Corporation (MELCO) to pursue joint opportunities on advanced payloads, radio frequency (RF) products, and market development in Japan and the APAC region. Joint opportunities will leverage MELCO's extensive satellite system expertise and integration capabilities together with SWISSto12's proprietary 3D-printing designs and processes that form the foundation of its next-generation payloads—smaller, lighter, highly performant, yet built in materially shorter timeframes. The MoU underscores growing market adoption of SWISSto12's HummingLink payload technology that leverages 3D-printing, with more than 2,000 products already in orbit enabling a wide range of customer missions. In addition to this MoU, MELCO has awarded SWISSto12 a contract to provide advanced phased array antenna products for the GEO secure communications programme of the Japanese Government. Read more

Space42 and Viasat Sign Binding Agreement to co-found Equatys, Creating the First Shared Space and Ground Infrastructure Platform for Global Direct-to-Device and Advanced MSS Connectivity

13 September 2026 – Space42, the UAE-based AI-powered SpaceTech company, and Viasat announced the signing of an agreement to formally establish Equatys, a shared space and ground infrastructure platform that will support the extension of mobile coverage and overlay in the places terrestrial networks cannot serve, including in coverage gaps in populated metro areas. Upon the formation of Equatys, Space42 and Viasat will commit to an initial equity contribution of up to USD1 billion. Development of the initial constellation accelerates with the simultaneous signing of an agreement to step-up joint funding. Upon formation of Equatys, Viasat is expected to be appointed as the company's prime technology contractor. Read more

A1 Group Renews CEE DTH Capacity on Eutelsat 16° East

11 September 2026 – Eutelsat and A1 Group, one of Central and Eastern Europe's leading communications provider, have renewed a multi-year, multi-transponder agreement, reaffirming the company's long-standing commitment to Eutelsat's flagship 16° East video neighbourhood. The renewed capacity supports A1 Group's delivery of the technical DTH television platform for A1 Croatia, as well as technical services, including signal transport, uplink and encryption, for multiple TV broadcasters across Europe. Under the agreement, A1 Group will continue to leverage multiple transponders at Eutelsat's 16° East orbital position to distribute a broad portfolio of premium television channels and services to households across Croatia and CEE. The agreement ensures the continued delivery of high-quality broadcast services and reinforces 16° East as the leading satellite neighbourhood for video distribution across Central and Eastern Europe. With extensive coverage across the region, Eutelsat's 16° East position reaches more than 80 million DTH, cable and IPTV homes and carries over 600 television channels. Read more

SES Launches New Content Orchestration and Hybrid Delivery Platform

11 September 2026 – SES today announced the launch of SES CORE, the first-of-its-kind content orchestration and hybrid delivery platform, designed to enable broadcasters and media customers to manage, monitor, and enable transmission of content seamlessly via satellite, fiber, and IP. Built on infrastructure-neutral architecture, SES CORE provides a single user interface for content delivery. By bringing multiple distribution technologies into a unified orchestration layer, the platform enables customers to select the most effective content delivery path, guaranteeing service reliability and consistent delivery of high-quality content to global partners. Through SES CORE, customers gain real-time visibility into service status by monitoring active content feeds. The platform provides network performance insights, automates operational tasks, and offers redundancy options. Together, those capabilities help broadcasters to manage content distribution more independently and efficiently, simplify operations and support business continuity. Read more

Agility Beyond Space and Sonema Deepen Their Long-term Partnership to Strengthen Resilient Connectivity across Africa

11 September 2026 – Agility Beyond Space and Sonema, an MBS Group company, today announce a new long-term capacity agreement on ABS-3A, further strengthening an eight-year partnership behind business-critical enterprise connectivity. The agreement provides Sonema with committed satellite capacity to support the resilient networks it designs and operates for customers across Africa, Europe and the Middle East. It represents an important strategic building block in Sonema's growth and transformation strategy, providing a stable and scalable connectivity foundation from which the company can continue to expand its cloud, cybersecurity, hosting and value-added managed services. For Sonema, connectivity is the underlying foundation of every digital service it delivers. In sectors where service interruption is not an option, including banking and financial services, energy, mining and other critical industries, availability, redundancy and operational resilience are essential. This new agreement reinforces Sonema's ability to deliver that promise over the long term. Read more

Eutelsat and Grupo W Com Expand Long-Term Partnership to Advance Next-Gen Television Services in Mexico

11 September 2026 – Eutelsat announced the extension and expansion of its long-standing partnership with StarTV, part of Grupo W Com, one of Mexico's leading direct-to-home (DTH) television providers, for the continued delivery of satellite television and next-gen services via the EUTELSAT 117 West B satellite. Under the renewed multi-year agreement, StarTV will expand its use of satellite capacity on EUTELSAT 117° West B to support the continued growth of its service portfolio, including direct-to-home television, educational content initiatives, and NVOD (Near Video On Demand) over IP across Mexico. The collaboration reflects the increasing importance of satellite infrastructure in enabling the evolution of television services and digital inclusion throughout the country. Read more

ST Engineering iDirect Advances Intelligent Satellite Operations with New AI Capabilities

10 September 2026 – ST Engineering iDirect, a global leader in satellite communications, today announced new capabilities for Foresight, its AI-driven orchestration and intelligence platform designed to help satellite operators simplify increasingly complex multi-orbit and multi-service network environments. The new capabilities introduce enhanced AI governance, operational controls, and guided onboarding tools that help operators adopt AI responsibly, maintain oversight of operational changes and accelerate deployment. With support for air-gapped deployments, strong data governance and secure AI operations, Foresight enables operators to accelerate automation while maintaining control of their networks and data, helping them move from reactive management toward autonomous network operations. Read more

Iridium, Deutsche Telekom IoT, and Toyota Demonstrate Voice Messaging over Satellite via Iridium NTN Direct

10 September 2026 – Iridium Communications Inc., a leading provider of global voice, data, aircraft surveillance, and positioning, navigation, and timing (PNT) satellite services, and Deutsche Telekom IoT (DT IoT) today announced the successful transmission of a voice message over Iridium NTN Direct℠ in a demonstration with Toyota. The milestone message was sent from a Toyota vehicle equipped with a Nordic Semiconductor nRF9151 development board, a Deutsche Telekom IoT SIM and transmitted entirely via the Iridium satellite network during the Telekom Satellite Day 2026. The demonstration follows the successful completion of technical integration and a global roaming agreement between Iridium and Deutsche Telekom IoT. Read more

Agility Beyond Space and Levira Partner to Expand Video Distribution across Eurasia and Neighbouring Markets

10 September 2026 – Agility Beyond Space and Levira have formed a strategic partnership to give broadcasters and content owners a single video distribution service on the ABS-2A satellite. Its Northern Ku-band beam is one of the largest in the world, covering 25 million square kilometres across 11 time zones — a sixth of the planet's land mass — giving audiences across the whole footprint a reliable, scalable connection. The partnership joins the complementary strengths of two established infrastructure providers. Agility Beyond Space brings satellite capacity, regional coverage and a working video ecosystem at the 75°E orbital position. Levira brings deep experience in video distribution, channel origination, content processing and managed broadcast operations. Read more

GMV Strengthens NATO JISR Capabilities with CSD-SIERRA Deployment in Poland

10 September 2026 – The Polish Ministry of National Defence has selected TELDAT to deploy a solution based on CSD-SIERRA, developed by Spanish technology multinational GMV, reinforcing Poland's ability to share intelligence securely and interoperably with allied forces. The contract includes software licenses, deployment and installation services, user training, engineering support and three years of maintenance. The program will provide the Polish Ministry of National Defence with a NATO-standard capability for storing, exploiting, sharing and disseminating intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance information across multinational operational environments. CSD-SIERRA is GMV's Coalition Shared Database solution, a NATO-standard interoperable capability that enables the storage, exploitation, sharing and dissemination of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) information and products among multiple operational centers and users. Read more

SES Inaugurates New Office in Chennai, Reinforcing Long-Term Commitment to India

9 September 2026 – SES announced the inauguration of its new office in Chennai, India, marking a significant milestone in the company's continued growth and investment in the country. The inauguration ceremony for the new office, located at the DLF Cyber City Tech Campus took place on 8 September. The new office opening marks an important milestone in the growth of SES in Chennai. Building on the combined legacy of Intelsat, which established operations in the city more than five years ago, and SES, which inaugurated its Chennai office in April 2025. Since then, the company's workforce in India has tripled to more than 600 employees, reflecting Chennai's growing importance as a strategic hub supporting SES's talent needs in various technical and supporting functional roles. Read more

Eutelsat and Skynopy Partner to Develop Global AKAR, One of the Largest Software-defined Global Ground Networks for Satellite Services

9 September 2026 – Eutelsat and Skynopy announced the signature of a partnership establishing Global AKAR, a strategic partnership to develop one of the largest software-defined ground infrastructures for current and future satellite services, including Earth observation, in-orbit services, orbital data centers and various telecommunication services. Bringing together Eutelsat's global

footprint and Skynopy's software technologies and commercial traction, the partnership aims to build on existing infrastructure to create a resilient, scalable and software-defined network capable of delivering near-real-time connectivity for Low Earth Orbit services. This partnership brings the service to a larger scale: it will enable selected Eutelsat ground station sites to serve a broader range of satellite operators and applications, while continuing to support Eutelsat's own networks and customers. Read more

Gilat Awarded Over $32 Million for Multi-Band DKET Systems Supporting U.S. Defense Network Resilience

9 September 2026 – Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd., a worldwide leader in satellite networking technology, solutions and services, today announced that Gilat DataPath received an order valued at more than $32 million from the U.S. Department of War for DKET Systems that operate across Ku, Ka and X-band networks, with deliveries expected over the next 12 months. The award represents a significant expansion of Gilat DataPath's long-standing DKET activity and further strengthens Gilat Defense's position in larger and more complex U.S. mission-critical communications programs. Designed for rapid transport and deployment at alternate locations, the DKET platforms help customers maintain continuity of operations and restore high-capacity communications in dynamic operational environments. Read more

Eutelsat to Expand LEO Connectivity to Critical Infrastructure and Communities across Greenland

9 September 2026 – Eutelsat announced its participation in the Enhanced Satellite Connectivity Project for Greenland, a new initiative supported by the European Union, the Government of Greenland and the Government of Denmark to extend reliable connectivity to rural and remote communities across the country. The project was launched today at Eutelsat's ground station in Greenland, in the presence of European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, Greenland's Prime Minister Jens-Frederik Nielsen and Denmark's Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen. The European Union's support for the project also reflects its broader commitment to strengthening European sovereignty and resilience in critical infrastructure. By supporting a European satellite provider to deliver essential connectivity in Greenland, the initiative helps ensure that critical communications across Europe and the Arctic are underpinned by European capabilities. Read more

SES Strengthens Peruvian Navy Operations with New Multi-Orbit Satellite Solution

3 September 2026 – SES, a space solutions company, extends its collaboration with the Peruvian Navy (Marina de Guerra del Perú) to deliver sovereign, multi-orbit satellite connectivity combining geostationary (GEO) and low earth orbit (LEO) services, supporting the Navy's coastal bases, aircraft, and vessels operating in the maritime domain of Peru. SES's managed multi-orbit solution will be available onboard the B.A.P. "UNIÓN", Peru's Sailing Training Ship and a symbol of national diplomacy abroad. Enhanced connectivity onboard the B.A.P. "UNIÓN" supports its role as an international ambassador for Peru, enabling real-time communications during international deployments or circumnavigations. Through this strategic collaboration, the Peruvian Navy gains enhanced control over its communications infrastructure, including secure encryption and operational management capabilities, reinforcing its technological sovereignty and autonomy. This significantly strengthens the Navy's operational capabilities in key mission areas such as safeguarding the maritime domain and ensuring maritime security. Read more

Neo Space Group and Aramco Sign MoU to Harness Advanced Space Services to Support Field Operations

2 September 2026 – Neo Space Group (NSG) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Aramco in the presence of Eng. Haitham Al-Faraj, NSG Group CEO, to strengthen collaboration in leveraging satellite communications services, satellite IoT, and Earth observation technologies across Aramco's field operations, supporting connectivity in remote and challenging environments while enhancing geospatial and digital capabilities for decision-making. A partnership that brings together

capabilities and expertise to develop advanced space and geospatial solutions and translate space technologies into practical applications serving field operations and strategic sectors, in support of the objectives of Saudi Vision 2030. Read more

Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and NEC to Form Strategic Alliance to Further Strengthen and Transform Defense Capabilities

2 September 2026 – Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and NEC Corporation have signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) toward a strategic partnership in the defense sector. Through this partnership, the two companies will strengthen their collaboration in areas such as operation plans, command and control, and unmanned assets, with the aim of reinforcing Japan's industrial base for defense and establishing data and AI sovereignty. As the integration of defense equipment and cloud operations progresses and the utilization of AI technology advances, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and NEC will leverage their respective strengths to contribute to the strengthening and transformation of defense capabilities by providing high-value-added and highly reliable products and services for the development of new command and control systems. Read more

ST Engineering iDirect Demonstrates Multi-Waveform 5G NR-NTN User Equipment Pilot

2 September 2026 – ST Engineering iDirect, a global leader in satellite communications, today demonstrated a pilot version of the INT3000, its multi-waveform 5G New Radio Non-Terrestrial Network (NR-NTN) User Equipment (UE) modem, at the European Space Agency (ESA) 5G NTN Forum. The INT3000 is being developed to support both 5G NR NTN and DVB-S2X/MRC waveforms in a single device, enabling operators to deploy native 5G NR-NTN services while also supporting DVB and hybrid network architectures during migration and modernization. The INT3000 modem pilot provided the ESA 5G NTN community a look at ST Engineering iDirect's progress in advancing 5G NR-NTN UE, with the demonstration conducted over a satellite simulator. On the network side, the pilot connected through the Intuition ground system, which implements native 5G NR-NTN gNodeB capabilities. Read more

Farcast Completes Telesat Lightspeed Antenna Technology Demonstration Milestone

2 September 2026 – Telesat LEO ULC, a subsidiary of Telesat Corporation, one of the world's largest and most innovative satellite operators, and Farcast, a San Francisco-based startup building advanced satellite user terminals, today announced the successful completion of a collaborative technology demonstration program. Building on their previously announced agreement, the two companies have successfully demonstrated key capabilities of Farcast's electronically steered antenna (ESA) technology through an extensive development and test program. The work validates Farcast's innovative architecture, which reduces hardware complexity without compromising performance and significantly lowers size, weight, power, and cost (SWaP-C). Read more

GMV Selected by NATO to Join Cyber Security Dynamic Marketplace Framework

2 September 2026 – Technology multinational GMV has been selected by the NATO Communications and Information Agency (NCIA) as one of the contractors awarded a place in the Cyber Security Dynamic Marketplace (CSDM) framework, a long-term contracting vehicle that gives NATO agile access to specialized cybersecurity capabilities, technologies, and services. The selection reinforces GMV's position as a trusted provider of advanced cyber defence and security solutions for NATO and Allied nations. Through this framework, the NCIA will be able to procure a broad range of capabilities and services under future specific contracts to address the Alliance's operational cybersecurity requirements. The CSDM is designed to provide rapid, flexible access to specialized technologies and expertise, supporting NATO's digital transformation and cyber resilience objectives. Read more

Neo Space Group Signs MoU with Saudi Irrigation Organization to Advance Geospatial Services and Digital Innovation in the Irrigation Sector

1 September 2026 – Neo Space Group signed an MoU with the Saudi Irrigation Organization on the

sidelines of hashtag#LEAP26, in the presence of Eng. Haitham Alfaraj, Neo Space Group CEO, and Eng. Mohammed bin Zaid Abuhaid, CEO of the Saudi Irrigation Organization, to strengthen collaboration in geospatial services, capacity building, and digital innovation. The partnership will focus on developing an integrated framework for geospatial operations, exchanging knowledge and expertise, and exploring emerging technologies and digital solutions to enhance operational efficiency and support the sustainability of the Kingdom's irrigation sector, in alignment with Saudi Vision 2030. Read more

Kratos Wins $20 Million Contract to Deliver Mobile SATCOM Gateways for Resilient Defense Network

1 September 2026 – Kratos Defense & Security Solutions, a technology company in defense, national security and global markets, announced today that it has been awarded a contract valued at more than $20 million to deliver mobile satellite communication (SATCOM) gateways for a defense customer in Asia. As part of the system, Kratos will deliver its rapid-deployable, truck-mounted Trifold® transportable antennas that can be deployed without any special tools and ready to discretely transport at a moment's notice. These Trifold® antennas are integrated into the mobile SATCOM hub that provides high-throughput, dependable communications in dynamic field environments. Read more

New Inmarsat Maritime Safety Data Hub Insights Combine GMDSS Distress and Weather Data to Provide Unique Insight into Maritime Risk

1 September 2026 – Inmarsat Maritime, a Viasat company, has launched a new Maritime Safety Data Hub, providing the maritime industry with unique insights as well as direct access to the comprehensive analysis of risks shaping global shipping. Drawing on a unique dataset combining three years of Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) data with an industry-first analysis of 106,975 maritime safety broadcasts transmitted in 2025, the new platform offers unprecedented visibility into the conditions influencing maritime risk. It moves beyond reporting individual incidents to identify patterns, trends, and the evolving impact of environmental hazards, operational pressures, and geopolitical instability on safety at sea. Read more

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Eutelsat's OneWeb Renewal Moves toward Launch as First New Satellites Ship

2 October 2026 – Eutelsat today announced that Airbus Defence and Space has completed the first 32 new OneWeb Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellites for Eutelsat at its facility in Toulouse, France. The satellites are now preparing to be shipped for an upcoming launch with SpaceX, marking a major milestone in Eutelsat's programme to renew and enhance the OneWeb constellation. They are the first in Eutelsat's planned programme of 669 new OneWeb satellites. As the new spacecraft progressively replace those reaching the end of their operational lives, they will assure continuity of service for customers and enhance the network's capabilities. The programme will enable Eutelsat to continue delivering secure, resilient LEO connectivity to businesses, governments and institutions around the world. Read more

ICEYE and Nokia Partner to Launch Secure and Sovereign Satellite Communications

1 October 2026 – ICEYE, the European leader in sovereign intelligence from space, and Nokia, a global leader in connectivity infrastructure, today announced a partnership to develop secure, sovereign and high-performance broadband low Earth orbit (LEO) satellite communications systems for governments, supporting missions from defense and border security to emergency services and disaster response. Built on trusted European technology, the jointly developed satellite communications systems will give nations ownership and control of the satellites, ground segment and terminals. The first communications satellites are expected to be launched in 2028. Read more

Rocket Lab Secures Largest-Ever Electron Commercial Deal: 20-Launch Contract for Synspective
30 September 2026 – Rocket Lab announced it has signed a multi-year launch agreement for 20 new Electron missions with Tokyo-based Earth observation company Synspective. The contract is the largest commercial launch contract for Electron in Rocket Lab's history and brings the total number of Electron missions for Synspective to 47 – the most of any Rocket Lab launch customer. The remaining terms of the deal are undisclosed. Rocket Lab will launch 20 StriX synthetic aperture radar (SAR) satellites to sun-synchronous orbit (SSO) from Rocket Lab Launch Complex 1. The missions are scheduled to take place annually from 2028 through 2031, accelerating Synspective's goal to build a comprehensive satellite constellation capable of imaging any location on Earth within hours, day or night, and through any weather conditions. Read more

Rocket Lab Successfully Launched Synspective's 13th SAR Satellite
26 September 2026 – Rocket Lab Corporation launched its latest dedicated mission for Earth-monitoring constellation operator Synspective. The 'Owlright Owlright Owlright' mission launched from Rocket Lab Launch Complex 1 in New Zealand at 12:39 p.m. NZST on 26 September 2026, delivering the 13th StriX satellite directly into a 559km low Earth orbit. The deployment expands Synspective's synthetic aperture radar (SAR) imaging constellation that provides high-resolution, all-weather, day-and-night imaging of the Earth's surface. Today's mission was Rocket Lab's 97th Electron launch and 18th launch this year, sustaining Electron's position as the world's most frequently-launched small-lift orbital rocket. Read more

SSC Space and Saab Sign MoU to Explore Cooperation on Space and Multi-domain Capabilities
24 September 2026 – SSC Space and Saab have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to explore potential areas of cooperation related to space and Multi-Domain Operations (MDO), including the use of Esrange Space Center as a strategic facility for testing, demonstration, launch, and operations in this respect, to deliver sovereign, end-to-end space capabilities for Sweden and Europe. Under the MoU, Saab and SSC Space are jointly exploring how Saab, as system integrator, can combine SSC Space's ground and orbital launch infrastructure with contributions from a broader partner ecosystem linking space, air, land and naval systems to deliver sovereign, end-to-end space capabilities as part of Saab-coordinated MDO solutions for Sweden and Europe. The collaboration focuses on incorporating space capabilities into Saab-coordinated Multi-Domain Operations (MDO) solutions, linking space, air, land, and ground naval systems. Read more

Aerospacelab Selected by Lockheed Martin for Satellite Platform Supply
24 September 2026 – Aerospacelab, a disruptive European satellite manufacturer, and its U.S. subsidiary today announced they have been selected by Lockheed Martin, a U.S.-based global defense technology company, to supply two satellite platforms based on Aerospacelab's VSP 300 product line. This brings together Aerospacelab's expertise in commercial space platforms and Lockheed Martin's cutting-edge payload technologies. This new contract, a milestone in the company's international development and a testament to the company's technical and industrial expertise, confirms the maturity and reliability of this satellite platform range. Read more

CGWIC Successfully Launches PIESAT-02 13~16 Satellites by LM-2D Launch Vehicle
19 September 2026 – At 18:50 September 19th, 2026 BJT, Long March-2D (LM-2D) Launch Vehicle successfully launched PIESAT-02 13~16 satellites from Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center (TSLC). PIESAT-02 13~16 Satellites are owned by Zhuzhou Space Interstellar Satellite Technology Co.,Ltd. and designed & manufactured by GalaxySpace, which are mainly used for synthetic aperture radar (SAR) imaging, with high-precision imaging capability. LM-2D Launch Vehicle is a liquid two-stage launcher designed and manufactured by Shanghai Academy of Spaceflight Technology (SAST), also a subsidiary of CASC. LM-2D is designed for LEO and SSO remote sensing satellite launch mission, and the designed capacity is 1300kg for 700km sun synchronous orbit. This is the 106th launch of LM-2D. Read more

Arianespace and Aerospacelab Sign MoU to Prepare for their European Customers' Future Launch Needs

17 September 2026 – Arianespace and Aerospacelab have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to expand their cooperation in launch services and identify new opportunities for Aerospacelab's missions and those of its customers. Under the agreement, Aerospacelab plans in particular to use Arianespace's Ariane 64 launch services to deploy satellite fleets, primarily for European institutional and commercial missions. The MoU will enable the two companies to jointly explore launch scenarios and mission configurations that best match the characteristics and deployment schedules of these satellite fleets. With its four-booster configuration and high payload capacity, Ariane 64 is particularly well suited to launching multiple satellites on a single mission. This flexibility enables it to meet the needs of satellite programmes with different architectures and deployment requirements. Read more

GMV Leads ARGUS to Enhance Europe's Spectrum and Space Domain Awareness Capabilities

17 September 2026 – The European Space Astronomy Centre (ESAC), located in Villanueva de la Cañada, Madrid, hosted today's official launch event and contract-signing ceremony for the consolidation phase of the IRIS² Low-LEO Pre-Operational and De-Risk Activities under the European Space Agency's (ESA) Programme Related to EU Secure Connectivity. In this context, Enrique Fraga, GMV's General Manager of Space Systems, signed the agreement, reaffirming GMV's leadership in the ARGUS project. Europe's growing reliance on space-based services, increasingly congested orbits, and rising levels of radio-frequency interference are driving the need for sovereign capabilities to monitor both the orbital environment and the radio-frequency spectrum used by critical communications and infrastructure. Read more

ESA Selects ARISE Consortium to Design Blueprint for Europe's Sovereign Earth Observation Governmental Service

17 September 2026 – The European Space Agency (ESA) has selected the ARISE consortium (Architecture for Resilient and Federated ISR in Sovereign Europe), led by ICEYE, the European leader in sovereign intelligence from space, to conduct an architecture design study for the EU Earth Observation Governmental Service (EOGS). The study, part of the European Resilience from Space (ERS) initiative, will define a blueprint for a sovereign, space-based intelligence system serving European civil security and defence users. Access to sovereign space-based intelligence has become a definitive requirement for European strategic autonomy. The 12+8 months study, funded by and implemented on behalf of DG DEFIS, will define the end-to-end architecture – space segment, ground segment, user segment, concept of operations, security model, and governance. Read more

Vantor Selects EnduroSat and CACI to Build High-Revisit Pulse Satellite Fleet

17 September 2026 – Vantor, the leader in unified spatial intelligence, today announced it has selected EnduroSat and CACI to develop and build its initial Vantor Pulse™ satellites, a fleet of 40 cm-class satellites designed to image the same location on Earth as often as every 15 minutes. Pulse will provide frequent, broad-area monitoring and feed Tensorglobe™, Vantor's spatial intelligence platform, where its data can be fused with AI, 3D data, and high-resolution imagery to identify change sooner and cue targeted collection. The first phase of the planned 24-satellite fleet marks a key step in moving the fleet toward deployment. EnduroSat, which has deployed more than 100 satellites to orbit, will provide the satellite buses and integration services. CACI, which brings more than 50 years of experience developing and fielding space-based optical systems, will provide optical imaging payloads. Payload integration and testing will take place in the United States, with Pulse satellites expected to deploy between 2027 and 2029. Read more

Sidus Space Signs Memorandum of Understanding with 3GM Plus to Support Development of Slovenian Small Satellite Capability

17 September 2026 – Sidus Space, an innovative space and defense technology company, today

announced the signing of a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with 3GM Plus, a Slovenian company headquartered in Ljubljana, to collaborate on satellite manufacturing, technology licensing, and the establishment of a domestic small satellite capability in Slovenia. Under the MOU, 3GM Plus will serve as prime contractor for Slovenian satellite programs, with Sidus supporting as subcontractor providing satellite bus technology and licensing, engineering development and knowledge transfer, and flight-proven hardware including the Company's Fortis VPX Maxima digital mission computing platform. 3GM Plus selected Sidus based on the Company's demonstrated space heritage, including the design, manufacture, and on-orbit operation of its LizzieSat satellites.

Earth Observation Satellites Copernicus Sentinel-3C and Earth Explorer FLEX Successfully Launched
15 September 2026 – The Copernicus Sentinel-3C and Earth Explorer FLEX satellites, for which Thales Alenia Space – the joint company between Thales (67%) and Leonardo (33%) – is prime contractor, were successfully launched aboard a Vega C launcher from Europe's Spaceport in French Guiana. Sentinel-3C is an integral part of Copernicus, the world's most advanced environmental monitoring program. This program is managed by the European Commission, funded by the EU and partially by the European Space Agency (ESA). It is jointly operated by ESA and EUMETSAT. Sentinel-3C is the third satellite in the Copernicus Sentinel-3 mission, dedicated to monitoring the oceans and land surfaces. The Sentinel-3 satellites feature four state-of-the-art instruments which provide essential measurements on surface temperature, color and height of the oceans. The mission also supplies data on land surfaces, including vegetation, soil temperature, inland water quality (lakes, rivers), and fire detection. Read more

Teledyne Space Imaging Sensors Launch on ESA's Sentinel-3C and FLEX Missions
15 September 2026 – Teledyne Space Imaging technology was successfully launched aboard two major European Space Agency (ESA) Earth observation missions; Sentinel-3C and the Fluorescence Explorer (FLEX). The satellites launched together this morning aboard a Vega C rocket from Europe's Spaceport in French Guiana. Designed and developed by ESA, and operated by EUMETSAT, Sentinel-3C is the third satellite in the Sentinel-3 series. The Sentinel missions are part of Copernicus, the EU Space Programme's Earth observation campaign. Teledyne supplied five CCD55-20 detectors for Sentinel-3C's Ocean and Land Colour Instrument (OLCI). The detectors – back-illuminated, frame transfer CCDs optimised for hyperspectral imaging – observe in the visible to NIR, from 0.4 to 1.04 µm, and will assist with mapping ocean colour, vegetation cover, and land use. Read more

Intuitive Machines Completes In-Orbit Commissioning, Delivers SXM-11 to Customer
15 September 2026 – Intuitive Machines, a leading space technology, infrastructure, and services company, today announced it has completed the handover of the SXM-11 satellite to SiriusXM following successful in-orbit testing. The geostationary communications satellite is now fully operational following a successful launch by SpaceX on a Falcon 9 rocket on June 28, 2026. Having recently completed the acquisitions of KinetX, Lanteris Space Systems, and Goonhilly Earth Station Ltd. ("Goonhilly") and COMSAT LLC, Intuitive Machines continues to strengthen its integrated Build-Connect-Operate framework as a space infrastructure prime. This unified structure allows the Company to deliver proven, domain-wide technology as a prime, engineering the foundation for the next century of opportunity in space. Read more

Astroscale France and HEMERIA Join Forces to Develop Sovereign GEO Capability for Global Markets
15 September 2026 – Astroscale France, the French subsidiary of Astroscale Holdings Inc. ("Astroscale"), and HEMERIA, a leading French space systems company, today announced plans to establish a strategic partnership to develop and export a French microsatellite solution for operations in geostationary orbit (GEO). The planned collaboration will combine the companies' complementary expertise to address growing international demand for agile and capable GEO solutions across defence, sovereign and dual-use markets. HEMERIA will provide its proven experience in the design

and manufacture of agile satellite platforms for demanding defence and institutional missions, including heritage from the YODA programme. Astroscale France will contribute its advanced, flight-proven RPO expertise and associated payload capabilities. Read more

Thales Alenia Space Wins NIGCOMSAT Contract to Build NigComSat-2A Geostationary Telecommunications Satellite

14 September 2026 – Thales Alenia Space has signed a contract with Nigeria's government-owned NIGCOMSAT Ltd to develop a new telecommunications satellite operating from geostationary orbit. The communications satellite, named as NigComSat-2A, is set to strengthen Africa's digital connectivity. It will deliver reliable and secure communication services, including high-quality television broadcasting, fast and stable internet access even in remote areas, and modern digital applications like voice calls and streaming. The satellite will also expand access of digital services in underserved and remote communities, while supporting the growing connectivity needs of African households, businesses, public institutions and industries. By improving access to reliable broadband and communications infrastructure, NigComSat-2A will contribute to greater digital inclusion, economic opportunity, knowledge sharing and access to information across the continent. Read more

Elveo Mobile Announces Partnership with Apex to Scale Spacecraft Platform Production

14 September 2026 – Elveo Mobile, the company that delivers mobile connectivity and elevated intelligence for a planet on the move, and Apex, The Spacecraft Platform Company, today announced a partnership to establish a dedicated spacecraft factory that will scale the global supply chain for the Elveo-designed direct-to-device (D2D) constellation. The partnership enables Elveo to leverage Apex's Factory X model to rapidly stand up its first satellite production facility in the U.S. and build the technical expertise needed to manufacture globally at scale. As a vertically integrated partner, Apex will bring proven spacecraft platforms and expertise in high-rate production to equip Elveo with the capabilities it needs to operationalize its own production facility. Elveo will use this blueprint to expand its manufacturing facilities into Europe and Asia with regional partners, building a truly global supply chain for its low-Earth orbit (LEO) network. Read more

SES's Final Three O3b mPOWER Satellites Successfully Launched

13 September 2026 – SES today announced the successful launch of its eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth O3b mPOWER satellites, further expanding its second-generation medium Earth orbit (MEO) system designed to offer high-performance connectivity services around the world. The three satellites launched at 2:49 pm local time aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from Space Launch Complex 40 (SLC-40) at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station. With this launch, SES reinforces its proven leadership in MEO while advancing its innovation roadmap. The three satellites launched today will join the 10 O3b mPOWER spacecraft already in operation, offering services ranging from tens of Mbps to multiple gigabits per second of capacity to any site. Read more

Rocket Lab Launches 95th Electron Mission

11 September 2026 – Rocket Lab Corporation launched its 16th Electron rocket of the year with a dedicated mission for a confidential customer. The "Happily Ever Faster" mission lifted off from Rocket Lab Launch Complex 1 in New Zealand at 3:28 p.m. NZST and successfully deployed a single Earth observation satellite to a 500km circular low Earth orbit. "Happily Ever Faster" is Rocket Lab's 16th launch of the year and 95th launch overall. Rocket Lab's next Electron launch is scheduled to take place from Launch Complex 1 for another commercial constellation operator before the end of the month. As global launch availability continues to strain the market, Electron's regular and reliable launch cadence provides schedule certainty and dedicated access to space for satellite operators of the industry's next-generation constellations. Read more

Airbus and Unseenlabs to Build France's Next Military Signal Intelligence Satellites

11 September 2026 – On the sidelines of the International Space Summit, Catherine Vautrin, France's

Minister for the Armed Forces and Veterans' Affairs, announced that the Directorate-General for Armament (DGA) had awarded the CASSIOPÉE contract to Airbus Defence and Space as the lead contractor and its co-contractor Unseenlabs, thereby initiating the renewal of France's space-based signal intelligence (SIGINT) capability. Airbus will act as the system integrator and provide the ground segment and control centre as well as a satellite solution based on its latest-generation S250 platform, which has been used most recently for the CO3D constellation. Unseenlabs will bring its expertise in mission planning, ground and on-board processing, will deliver the ground segment, and supply an innovative payload. Read more

Eutelsat Procures a Further OneWeb 229 LEO Satellites from Airbus

10 September 2026 – Eutelsat announced at the International Space Summit in Paris an important step in assuring and enhancing service continuity of its OneWeb constellation, with plans to procure 229 additional OneWeb Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellites from Airbus Defence and Space. Eutelsat has signed an Authorisation to Proceed (ATP) with Airbus Defence and Space covering initial industrial activities for the 229 satellites. They are planned in addition to the 440 satellites already procured from Airbus, bringing the total of new OneWeb satellites with Airbus to 669. With the first satellites from the existing order expected to be delivered next quarter, the additional 229 satellites will enable Eutelsat to continue progressively replenishing and expanding OneWeb through 2034, securing continuity of service while unlocking additional capacity and capabilities for existing and new customers. The additional satellites will include advanced digital channelisers to enhance onboard processing, efficiency and flexibility, as well as capabilities to embark hosted payloads. Read more

Amazon Leo Adds 6 New Arianespace Launches, Expanding its Launch Partnership

10 September 2026 – Amazon Leo is expanding its launch commitment with Arianespace, adding six new Ariane 6 contracts and bringing total contracted launch capacity from 18 to 24 launches. Amazon Leo is a key customer for Arianespace, the world's first commercial launch service provider, and the new agreement extends what was already the largest commercial contract in the company's history. The expanded commitment provides a long-term demand signal that supports the continued ramp-up of Ariane 6 and helps Arianespace grow launch capacity for commercial and institutional customers. Amazon first signed with Arianespace in 2022, part of a record-breaking set of agreements to secure more than 80 launches. Arianespace flew its first mission for Amazon earlier this year, and has now delivered 100 Leo satellites to orbit across three missions. Read more

Eutelsat Selects Arianespace for Two Launches to Support the Renewal of OneWeb Constellation

10 September 2026 – Eutelsat and Arianespace today announced an agreement at the International Space Summit for two dedicated launches of OneWeb satellites aboard Ariane 6. Scheduled for 2027 and 2028, both missions will use Ariane 64, the four-booster version of Europe's heavy-lift launcher. They form part of Eutelsat's programme to renew and further develop OneWeb, its low Earth orbit (LEO) constellation providing high-speed, low-latency connectivity to private and institutional customers worldwide. The agreement renews a long-standing partnership between Eutelsat OneWeb and Arianespace. Arianespace played a key role in OneWeb's initial deployment, carrying out 13 launches that placed 428 satellites into orbit between 2019 and 2022. The renewed partnership also has broader significance for Europe's space ecosystem. Eutelsat is currently the only European operator with a global LEO constellation, and its satellites will be launched aboard Ariane 6 from Europe's Spaceport in French Guiana. Read more

stc Group and Astranis Advance Saudi Arabia's Connectivity with Dedicated Satellite

10 September 2026 – stc group, a leading digital enabler, and Astranis today announced an agreement to deploy a dedicated satellite serving the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The satellite, part of Astranis' Block 3 scheduled to launch in 2027, will expand stc group's portfolio of satellite communication services and enhance connectivity across the Kingdom. This partnership gives stc group full authority over payload configuration and coverage, with data remaining in-region under

enterprise-grade security. The model complements stc group's capacity in other orbits, further expanding the reach and resilience of its network. Astranis' satellite offering is built for rapid deployment, providing stc group with capacity on an unmatched timeline. Read more

Arianespace to Launch KT SAT's Next High-Throughput Satellite, Built by AscendArc, on Ariane 6
10 September 2026 – U.S. satellite manufacturer AscendArc has selected Arianespace to deliver the KOREASAT 9 satellite to GTO aboard an Ariane 6 in the second half of 2028. The mission will lift off from Europe's Spaceport in French Guiana. KOREASAT 9 is a new geostationary telecommunications satellite designed and built by AscendArc to expand KT SAT's capacity and support the growing demand for high-performance connectivity services. Once in its operational position in geostationary orbit, the satellite will provide hundreds of Gbps of Ka-band capacity, extending affordable broadband connectivity to underserved communities across the Asia-Pacific region. Ariane 6 will inject the satellite into geostationary transfer orbit. The spacecraft will then raise itself to its operational geostationary position using its all-electric propulsion system. Read more

Aerospacelab Awarded €2.4 Billion Landmark Contract to Build 264 LEO Satellites for IRIS²
10 September 2026 – Aerospacelab announced it has been selected as a key Prime Contractor for the LEO segment of the European Commission's IRIS² Programme (Infrastructure for Resilience, Interconnectivity and Security by Satellite). Following a rigorous competitive dialogue conducted with Eutelsat, as LEO-segment's lead in the SpaceRISE consortium1, Aerospacelab has been entrusted to build the 264 satellite platforms and deliver the fully integrated satellites that will form the backbone of Europe's sovereign, secure, and resilient connectivity infrastructure by 2030. IRIS² is the largest contract ever awarded in EU space history. IRIS² joins a growing constellation of European initiatives, alongside Galileo, Copernicus, and Ariane, that affirm the European Union's resolve to be a full-spectrum space power. Read more

Arianespace Signs Agreement with The Exploration Company to Launch Nyx Capsule with Ariane 6
10 September 2026 – Arianespace and The Exploration Company today announced an agreement at the International Space Summit to launch Nyx, the reusable space capsule developed by The Exploration Company. Nyx will be launched aboard Ariane 64 from the Guiana Space Centre (CSG) in Kourou. Under the agreement, Arianespace will launch Nyx for The Exploration Company on its first demonstration mission for the European Space Agency (ESA) under the ALADDIN (Autonomous LEO Accelerated Demo Docking to ISS Node) initiative. Once in low Earth orbit (LEO), the capsule will continue its mission autonomously. Developed by The Exploration Company, Nyx is a reusable space vehicle designed to transport cargo to and from low Earth orbit. Read more

Airbus Starts the Development of IRIS² Satellites on Behalf of Eutelsat
10 September 2026 – Airbus Defence and Space has signed the initial contract for the design and build of the first layer of satellites for Europe's sovereign IRIS² constellation. Eutelsat, responsible in the SpaceRISE consortium for the Low Earth Orbit (LEO) segment of the constellation, has thus enabled Airbus and Thales Alenia Space to start working on the first layer of satellites. IRIS² (Infrastructure for Resilience, Interconnectivity and Security by Satellite) is the EU's new flagship space programme for a digital, resilient and safer Europe. With a multi-orbit satellite constellation, it will deliver resilient and secure connectivity solutions to governments to protect European citizens and will provide commercial services in the interest of European economies and societies. It will also bolster the EU partnership policy by offering its infrastructure abroad. Read more

Thales Alenia Space to Provide Digital and Secure Payloads for 330 IRIS2 Telecommunications Satellites in Low Earth Orbit
10 September 2026 – Thales Alenia Space announces today it has signed a Letter of Agreement with Eutelsat to provide the governmental payloads dedicated to the 330 IRIS2 telecommunications satellites in Low Earth Orbit (66 Ka-only satellites and 264 dual Ku/Ka satellites). This order represents

a tranche of approximately 500 million euros out of a global IRIS² contract size for Thales Alenia Space which is set to exceed 3 billion euros overall. The future IRIS2 (Infrastructure for Resilience, Interconnectivity and Security by Satellite) constellation will be the new standard bearer for Europe's autonomous and sovereign space capability. This system will comprise, to date, a total of 348 satellites, including 330 in Low Earth Orbit (1,200 km), of which 66 Ka-only satellites and 264 dual Ka/Ku satellites, and 18 in Medium Earth Orbit (8,000 km). The satellites will be communicating with each other via optical inter-satellite links and using a multi-orbit approach. Read more

Exotrail Selected Under France 2030 to Lead a Sovereign Deorbiting Demonstration with Astroscale France and Eutelsat

10 September 2026 – On the occasion of the International Space Summit, organized by the French Presidency in Paris, Exotrail announces that it has been selected under the France 2030 "In-Orbit Services – Mobility" program to lead a demonstration mission together with Eutelsat and Astroscale France. The mission, to be contracted by the French space agency CNES, will demonstrate the end-to-end deorbiting of an Eutelsat OneWeb satellite between 2029 and 2030. This selection moves the partners from preparatory studies into mission execution. It is the first concrete mission arising from the Exotrail–Astroscale France strategic partnership signed on 2 April. This ambitious mission demonstrating end-of-life management of an Eutelsat OneWeb satellite by 2030 positions France among the leading space nations shaping the future of in-orbit services. Read more

Marlan Space and Loft Orbital Join Forces with Mistral and Global Space Industry Leaders to Build the Future of Agentic AI in Space with $1 Billion

9 September 2026 – Loft Orbital, a global space infrastructure company, and Marlan Space, a UAE-based investor and subsidiary of IHC, today announced a $1 billion program to build the world's largest artificial intelligence satellite infrastructure. The plan was announced at the International Space Summit in Paris by Marlan Space and Loft Orbital, by French President Emmanuel Macron. This funds the jump from a proven ten-satellite demonstration to a fifty-satellite fleet. The satellites will carry radar, optical and other sensors, and are built to serve government users in France, Europe and the UAE alongside a global base of commercial customers. Unlike conventional systems, which deliver imagery hours after it's downloaded and processed on the ground, these satellites analyze what they observe while still in orbit and transmit in seconds. Services run through an AI application store, letting customers select the models they need and run them on shared satellites. First applications include maritime domain awareness, wildfire detection and disaster response, and security of ports and critical infrastructure. Read more

Arianespace and ICEYE Sign MoU for Future Launches aboard Ariane 6

9 September 2026 – Arianespace and ICEYE have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to explore the use of Arianespace launch services for future missions carrying ICEYE satellites aboard Ariane 6 to support European governments and institutions. Under the MoU, ICEYE and Arianespace are discussing booking launch services in the coming years. Both companies firmly believe that maintaining and strengthening Europe's sovereign access to space is a strategic priority. These future missions would also support the continued ramp-up of Ariane 6 in response to growing demand. The potential cooperation would combine Ariane 6's launch capabilities with ICEYE's expertise in synthetic aperture radar (SAR) Earth observation, helping to meet Europe's strategic needs for sovereign access to space and Earth observation data. Read more

SSC Space Signs Contract with Firefly for Two Alpha Launches from Esrange

9 September 2026 – SSC Space and Firefly Aerospace, a market-leading space and defense technology company, today announced a multi-launch agreement for two Alpha rocket launches from Sweden's Esrange Space Center, owned and operated by SSC Space. Targeted to launch in 2028, the missions will serve Sweden national security customers as well as additional commercial rideshare customers, marking a significant step forward in delivering orbital launch capabilities from mainland Europe.

Under the multi-launch agreement, SSC Space secured the full payload capacity and can allocate payload space to its government and commercial customers, providing flexible accommodation and launch opportunities for the European satellite market. Read more

Rocket Lab Introduces High-Efficiency Solar Cell to Reduce Reliance on Supply-Constrained Critical Minerals

8 September 2026 – Rocket Lab Corporation, a global leader in launch services and space systems, today announced the production release of Inverted Metamorphic (IMM) Apex, the latest iteration of its next-generation solar cell designed to deliver exceptional efficiency and reliability for space applications. IMM Apex boasts a Beginning of Life solar conversion efficiency of 31.5% and 40% lower cell mass, giving it best-in-class specific power (watts per kilogram) while maintaining excellent radiation hardness and performance over temperature. IMM Apex is free of the germanium substrates used for conventional, multi-junction solar cells produced for the last three decades. By eliminating reliance on this critical mineral, IMM Apex mitigates rising costs and supply chain constraints currently facing the space power industry. Read more

Isar Aerospace Reaches Orbit and Deploys Payloads on Second Flight

5 September 2026 – Isar Aerospace became the first commercial space company from Europe to successfully deliver satellites into orbit, on what was only its second flight. Mission 'Onward and Upward' lifted off from Isar Aerospace's dedicated launch complex at Andøya Space in Norway at 10:12 pm CEST, deploying payloads in orbit. Isar Aerospace's qualification flight broke several records in European commercial spaceflight: The vehicle successfully transited MaxQ, completed MECO and stage separation, and then ignited second stage as planned. It crossed the Kármán line at an altitude of 100 kilometers and jettisoned the payload fairing before reaching orbital velocity. After completing circularization burn, spacecraft separation was completed successfully. Read more

Blue Origin Selected by NASA to Help Build America's Mars Telecommunications Network

2 September 2026 – Blue Origin is honored to have been selected by NASA to develop and deliver a Mars Telecommunications Orbiter (MTO) as part of NASA's Mars Telecommunications Network (MTN), the first dedicated, high-speed communications relay network at the Red Planet. Funded by Congress through the Working Families Tax Cut Act and part of NASA's Moon to Mars strategy, this award reflects America's sustained leadership at Mars and Blue Origin's readiness to support. MTO is built upon Blue Ring, Blue Origin's all-in-one, high-powered spacecraft currently in production at Blue's dedicated facility in Huntsville, Alabama. With hybrid solar electric and chemical (SEP-Chem) propulsion, MTO can deploy multiple payloads and deliver the science and exploration infrastructure Mars needs before humans arrive. Read more

UK Gov Selects Open Cosmos as Approved Provider for £8bn Sovereign Comms Framework

2 September 2026 – Open Cosmos has been selected by the British Government Commercial Agency (GCA) as an officially certified and vetted partner to provide satellite connectivity via its low Earth orbit (LEO) constellation, ConnectedCosmos, as the UK seeks to build its own sovereign connectivity architecture. The TacSys (Tactical Communication System) framework procurement vehicle has an estimated value of up to £8 billion, mapped to a series of upcoming Ministry of Defence (MoD) contracts. Running until June 2034, TacSys will provide the framework through which innovative private sector technologies will be integrated into MoD-owned capabilities for the purpose of secure and resilient communications. To achieve approved status, Open Cosmos' proven satellite design and space mission delivery track record were evaluated against the framework's core criteria, demonstrating strong alignment with the MoD's goals for high interoperability, rapid deployment, and national space sovereignty. Read more

Axelspace Announces Partnership with Airbus Defence and Space to Deliver Satellite Imagery to a Broader Market

2 September 2026 – Axelspace Corporation ("Axelspace"), a leading microsatellite company committed to making "Space within Your Reach," announced today a new agreement with Airbus Defence and Space, a global leader in Earth observation including optical and radar satellite imagery, to provide mid-resolution optical images captured by Axelspace's Earth observation microsatellites "GRUS." Under this strategic partnership, we will develop and deliver innovative solutions that meet long-term customer needs for utilizing satellite imagery. GRUS is Axelspace's series of approximately 100 kg-class optical Earth observation satellites. GRUS-1 is currently operated as a four-satellite constellation, delivering high-frequency, wide-area imagery. On July 7, 2026, Axelspace launched seven next-generation GRUS-3 satellites. Following their initial operations, they will be integrated into the GRUS constellation, expanding it to more than 10 satellites. Read more

Sceye and SoftBank Complete Stratospheric Connectivity Demonstration in Japan, Advancing Towards HAPS Commercialization

2 September 2026 – Sceye, a U.S. aerospace and material science company specializing in High-Altitude Platform Systems (HAPS) for telecommunications and real-time environmental monitoring, today announced the successful trans-Pacific flight of its Service Test 1 (ST1) mission from New Mexico to Japan. Traveling more than 15,000 km through the stratosphere in 13 days, upon arrival over Japan, ST1 demonstrated mobile broadband connectivity to unmodified devices through SoftBank Corp.'s core network and HAPS-based edge computing and communication with drones to support the development of a 3D communications network. Conducted in partnership with SoftBank Corp., a leading operator of telecommunications and IT businesses in Japan and globally, ST1 marks Sceye's first flight to Asia and a groundbreaking milestone towards the commercial deployment of HAPS as stratospheric infrastructure. Read more

Intuitive Machines Books Order for Two IM 300 Platforms from New Customer

1 September 2026 – Intuitive Machines, a leading space technology, infrastructure, and services company, announced today that it has been awarded a contract to build two IM 300™ series platforms for a new, undisclosed customer. The IM 300 is the proliferated platform in the Company's satellite product line and is engineered around a modular architecture that allows the same core bus to support substantially different payloads and mission profiles. The IM 300 is produced at the Company's high-volume satellite production facility in Palo Alto, California, which was purpose-built for serial spacecraft manufacturing rather than one-off builds. That infrastructure, combined with a qualified supplier base, is what allows Intuitive Machines to accept new orders without disrupting existing customer schedules. Read more

Astroscale Japan Selects Isar Aerospace to Launch ADRAS-J2

1 September 2026 – Astroscale Japan Inc., the Japan subsidiary of Astroscale Holdings Inc., has selected Isar Aerospace to launch its ADRAS-J2 mission, which is on track to become the world's first mission to capture and remove an existing large piece of space debris.1 The mission is targeted for launch in Japan's fiscal year 2027 (April 2027 to March 2028) on Isar Aerospace's Spectrum launch vehicle from the company's dedicated launch pad at Andøya Space in Norway. As the follow-on mission to ADRAS-J's successful debris inspection mission, ADRAS-J2 will now further demonstrate this capability by safely approaching and capturing a non-cooperative rocket upper stage in orbit that was never designed for rendezvous, capture or removal. Read more

Vantor Awarded Naval Information Warfare Center Contract to Support Maritime Domain Awareness in the Indo-Pacific

1 September 2026 – Vantor, the leader in unified spatial intelligence, announced it has been awarded a contract by the Naval Information Warfare Center (NIWC) Pacific to deliver maritime intelligence capabilities supporting missions across the Indo-Pacific. The contract will support NIWC Pacific's work

with the Indian Navy and regional partners participating in the Indo-Pacific Partnership for Maritime Domain Awareness, or IPMDA. Launched by Australia, India, Japan and the United States, IPMDA is designed to strengthen regional awareness of maritime activity through commercial technology, training and information sharing. Under the contract, Vantor will deliver Maritime Sentry™, its multi-source maritime intelligence solution that runs on Vantor's Tensorglobe™ platform, to help users detect, identify and monitor vessel activity across thousands of square kilometers of ocean. Read more

Neo Space Group Signs MoU with SDAIA to Strengthen Collaboration Across Data, Artificial Intelligence, Geospatial Solutions, and Digital Innovation

1 September 2026 – Neo Space Group signed an MoU with the Saudi Data and AI Authority (SDAIA) on the sidelines of LEAP 2026, in the presence of Eng. Haitham Alfaraj, Group CEO, to strengthen collaboration across data, artificial intelligence, geospatial solutions, and digital innovation. The partnership will focus on knowledge and expertise exchange and exploring opportunities to leverage data, AI, and geospatial technologies to develop innovative digital solutions and strengthen national capabilities, supporting the Kingdom's digital transformation and the objectives of Saudi Vision 2030. Read more

PLD Space Extends Series C to €288 Million with an Additional €108 Million Tranche

1 September 2026 – PLD Space, the international space transportation company, has extended its Series C funding round, originally launched in March 2026, with an additional €108 million investment, bringing the total round size to €288 million and aggregate funding to €488 million. The new capital will support MIURA 5 industrialisation, production and test capacity, launch infrastructure and the transition toward commercial operations, reinforcing PLD Space as a leading player in delivering independent, resilient access to space. The Series C extension is led once again by Mitsubishi Electric Corporation, reaffirming its position as a long-term industrial and strategic partner, and its commitment to advancing independent launch capabilities. The Spanish public funds management company COFIDES is co-investing again following its participation in the initial Series C, reinforcing PLD Space's long-term institutional backing. Read more

EXECUTIVE MOVES

Kratos Announces Promotion of Bill Wilson to C5ISR Systems Division President

28 September 2026 – Kratos Defense & Security Solutions, a technology company in the defense, national security and global markets announced today that Bill Wilson has been named President of Kratos' C5ISR Systems Division and Corporate Senior Vice President, effective immediately. As President of the C5ISR Systems Division, Mr. Wilson will be responsible for Kratos' mil-spec hardware and mobility systems business. Mr. Wilson has over 35 years of experience in the aerospace and defense industry, serving in various financial and operational leadership roles. Joining Kratos in 2010 upon Kratos' acquisition of Gichner Systems Group, Mr. Wilson most recently served as Executive Vice President and CFO of the Division. Read more

Reorganization of Mynaric's Executive Management and Strengthening of the Supervisory Board

24 September 2026 – Mynaric AG, a leading provider of optical laser communication terminals headquartered in Munich and subsidiary of Rocket Lab Corporation, announces a reorganization of the executive management and Supervisory Board. Andreas Reutter was appointed Chairman of the Executive Board of Mynaric AG by the Supervisory Board. He previously served as a member of the Supervisory Board of Mynaric AG. He succeeds co-founder Joachim Horwath, who has assumed responsibility for future technologies within the company. As part of the reorganisation, space expert Dr. Peter Gräf, most recently Director of Applications and Sciences at the German Space Agency within the German Aerospace Center (DLR), has become a new member of the Supervisory Board of Mynaric AG. Read more

SES Appoints Michel Scholer to Board of Directors
23 September 2026 – SES today announced the appointment of Mr. Michel Scholer, Secretary General of the Luxembourg Government and Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister, to its Board of Directors effective immediately. This appointment is part of SES's Board succession planning and ongoing commitment to regularly review and strengthen the composition of its Board with diverse expertise and industry experience, ensuring the company is well positioned for future growth and value creation. Prior to his current role with the Luxembourg Government, Mr. Scholer served as a Senior Adviser to the International Monetary Fund, and with the Ministry of Finance, Luxembourg. He was nominated for the SES Board of Directors by the Government of the Grandy Duchy of Luxembourg. Read more

Günther Lackner Appointed EVP and Head of Business Area Connect
22 September 2026 – Günther Lackner has been appointed EVP and Head of Business Area Connect of SSC Space. He will take office on November 2 and be part of the Executive Committee. Günther Lackner has a background in computer science and information technology, and more than two decades of leadership experience across the technology, aerospace, and space industries. Most recently, he served as Senior Vice President of Terma Space, where he was responsible for the company's global space business. Read more

Terran Orbital Promotes Carl William Couch II to Vice President of Strategy and Business Development
3 September 2026 – Terran Orbital, a Lockheed Martin company and a leading manufacturer of satellite solutions, announced today the promotion of Carl William Couch II to Vice President of Strategy and Business Development. Couch, who previously served as Senior Director of Business Development at Terran Orbital, will lead the company's strategy and business development organization, helping align its advanced space capabilities with national security, civil, commercial and international market priorities. Since joining Terran Orbital, Couch has played a key role in advancing the company's business development efforts and strengthening relationships across the government and commercial space sectors. His promotion expands his responsibilities to include broader corporate strategy, market development and long-term growth initiatives. Read more

REPORTS

WTA Releases New Research Report, The AI-Driven Teleport
10 September 2026 – WTA has released its newest research report, The AI-Driven Teleport. In 2024, WTA reported on where teleport and satellite operators were deploying generative AI in their customer-facing, engineering and operations departments, and what results they were seeing so far from investment in a still-emerging technology. They were using it to automate marketing and customer service and assist with code development and cybersecurity. They were buying standard business services from third parties and building their own systems to manage unique needs, based on past experience with machine learning. In 2026, we revisit the topic with member executives to uncover lessons learned, new applications and how the transformative impact promised by AI promoters have played out. Read more

UPCOMING EVENTS

IAC 2026, October 5-9, Antalya, Türkiye

CABSAT 2026, October 5-7, Dubai, UAE

Space Summit Asia/Pacific 2026, October 13-14, Narita, Japan

APSCC 2026, November 3-5, Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia

PTC'27, 17-20 January 2027, Honolulu, Hawa'i, USA
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