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ESS & Australia's Arnhem Space Centre Ink Launch Services MOU

Singapore's rocket company, Equatorial Space Systems (ESS), as well Equatorial Launch Australia (ELA) sign a Memorandum of Understanding that sees ESS become a resident launcher at the Arnhem Space Centre in Nhulunbuy, Northern Territory.

The Memorandum covers upcoming suborbital launches onboard the Dorado sounding rocket family – carrying science experiments and technology demonstrator payloads – and extends towards orbital launch services for satellite clients onboard the company's Volans launch vehicles.

"ELA and ESS are bonded not just by our companies' names, but also by the very vision for a more sustainable, democratized and flexible space access for the global space economy,' says Simon Gwozdz, CEO of Equatorial Space Systems - 'together, we are poised for a period of exponential growth as we prepare to launch our upcoming rockets from the East Arnhem Land.'

"For all the reasons why the Arnhem Space Centre is growing in popularity and commercial interests globally, we are a really good fit for ESS. We have a cost-effective solution for both small and larger rockets, we have facilities for assembly, integration and test of both engines, sub-systems and the entire rocket. The other obvious advantage is our remoteness. This makes recovery and operations for sub-orbital launch and testing easier and when offset by the access to the area via a jet serviced airport and a deep-water port our customers are all seeing the key attributes that set us apart from other space ports," said Michael Jones, CEO of Equatorial Launch Australia, "Australia's geopolitical stability, mature economy, supportive regulatory environment as well as our remoteness and access to multiple orbit options are attractive to the global space industry and our

ability to relieve the launch congestion being experienced overseas also puts us in a great position to service growing demand” He added.

ELA is on a mission to become the pre-eminent multi-user commercial space launch company, providing world-class launch services supporting launch, recovery and testing of space vehicles and payloads flown to and from all space orbits.

ELA owns and operates the Arnhem Space Centre (ASC), in East Arnhem Land, Northern Territory, Australia. The proximity of the ASC to the equator (12 degrees south) offers rocket companies and their payload customers operational freedom and simplicity for their launch and mission design.

Equatorial Space is a Techstars-backed, Singapore-headquartered rocket propulsion and launcher company started in 2017.

With its proprietary propulsion technologies, Equatorial Space builds game-changing, eco-friendly, low-cost and explosives-free rockets to foster the future of space exploration.

In 2020, Equatorial Space became the first company in Southeast Asia to test launch a commercially developed rocket prototype, testing it's core technologies. It will begin orbital launch services in 2026.

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