



Preparations Underway for Launch of MEASAT-3a Satellite

June 15, 2009, Long Beach, Calif. – Preparations are underway at the Baikonur Space Center in Kazakhstan for the launch of the MEASAT-3a (formerly MEASAT-1R) communications satellite on June 21, at 2:50pm Pacific Time (21:50 GMT), at the start of a 17-minute launch window.

From the Land Launch pad at Area 45, a Zenit-3SLB vehicle will lift the 2,366 kg (5,216 lb) MEASAT-3a spacecraft to geosynchronous transfer orbit, on its way to a final orbital position of 91.5 degrees East Longitude. Orbital Sciences built the MEASAT-3a spacecraft for MEASAT Satellite Systems Sdn Bhd, to expand capacity and in-orbit redundancy for MEASAT's customers. MEASAT is a premium supplier of satellite communications services to Asia's leading broadcasters, direct-to-home (DTH) platforms and telecom operators.

Orbital's STAR-2 spacecraft platform carries 12 Ku-band and 12 C-band transponders. It includes three antennas that will provide C-band fixed satellite services across the Asia Pacific, the Middle East, Africa, Europe and Australia, as well as Ku-band DTH television broadcasting to Malaysia and Indonesia. The spacecraft is designed for a 15-year service life on orbit and will generate approximately 3.6 kW of payload power.

For launch coverage and additional information about this mission, please visit our webpage at: www.sea-launch.com.

Based on a collaboration of the Sea Launch Company and Space International Services (SIS), of Moscow, the Land Launch system is designed to meet the launch needs of an emerging market for dedicated commercial launches in the medium spacecraft mass range. Sea Launch and SIS provide customers with mission management. SIS is also responsible for hardware production and launch operations.

About Sea Launch Company

Sea Launch Company, LLC, headquartered in Long Beach, Calif., offers the most direct and cost-effective route to geostationary orbit for commercial communications satellites. With the advantage of a launch site on the Equator, the robust Zenit-3SL rocket can lift a heavier mass or provide longer life on orbit, offering best value plus optimized spacecraft orbital delivery. Sea Launch also offers Land Launch services for medium weight satellites, with launch operations originating from the Baikonur Space Center in Kazakhstan.

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