

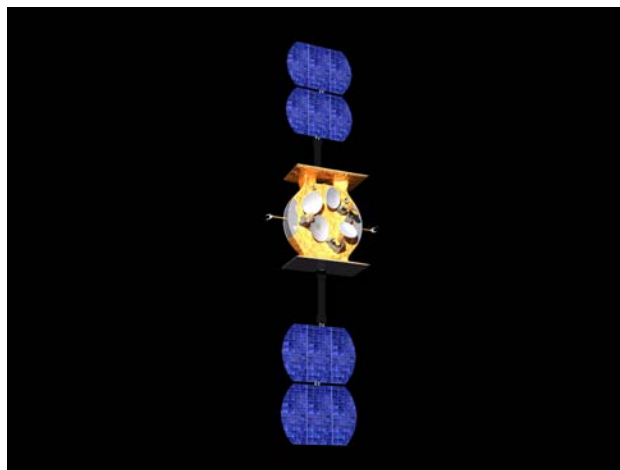
**Press Release**

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**SSTL and Dutch Space level geostationary market with “piggy back” platform**

Surrey Satellite Technology Limited (SSTL) and Dutch Space BV have joined forces to develop and exploit an innovative small geostationary platform that is specifically designed to utilise excess launch vehicle capacity, creating opportunities for lower cost geostationary missions.



**The GMP-CX will be part of SSTL's geostationary mission product range.**

Under a teaming agreement announced today, SSTL will market the Dutch Space CX2 satellite platform under the name GMP-CX as part of its geostationary mission product range.

Measuring just 1.25m high and with a diameter of 2.6m when stowed, the GMP-CX is capable of carrying payloads of up to 250kg with up to 2.5kW power consumption, but its innovative form factor means that it can utilise launch vehicle fairing space which is

normally unexploited. The new platform also uses SSTL's Geostationary Mini-satellite Platform (GMP) avionics.

Commenting on the teaming agreement, SSTL's Director of Telecommunications and Navigation Dr. John Paffett stated "This is an exciting addition to the SSTL geostationary platform family. Entry cost is a significant barrier to many geostationary applications and services and the addition of the GMP-CX will allow this barrier to be reduced, opening up this market to customers. We are looking forward to working closely with Dutch Space to bring this product to market."

Lowering GMP-CX's in-orbit delivery cost is intended to stimulate new markets, customers and applications that would otherwise be deterred by the high cost of geostationary satellite procurement and launch.

The low cost of entry of this platform, combined with SSTL's proven systems and methodologies, make it suitable for a range of typical telecommunications and navigation applications, but also for new missions such as deep space science that may otherwise be ruled out by budgetary constraints.

### **About SSTL**

Surrey Satellite Technology Limited (SSTL) is the world's leading small satellite company, delivering operational space missions for a range of applications including Earth observation, science and communications. The Company designs, manufactures and operates high performance satellites and ground systems for a fraction of the price normally associated with space missions, with 300 staff working on turnkey satellite platforms, space-proven satellite subsystems and optical instruments.

Since 1981 SSTL has launched 34 satellites as well as providing training and development programmes, consultancy services, and mission studies for ESA, NASA and commercial customers, with its innovative approach that is changing the economics of space.

Based in Guildford, UK, SSTL is owned by EADS Astrium NV.

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**About Dutch Space BV**

Dutch Space B.V., leading space company in the Netherlands, is supplier of high quality subsystems and products for the international space industry. Since its founding in 1968, the company has contributed to major space programs and built up comprehensive expertise in segments like earth observation, telecommunication and space science.

Dutch Space is fully owned by EADS Astrium and operating as subsidiary within Astrium Satellites' business division Subsystems and Equipments as off 2006. The portfolio of Dutch Space comprises solar arrays, launcher structures, instruments, verification & simulation and descent & landing. Today, Leiden based Dutch Space employs a team of 220 experienced and passionate professionals.

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