



President's Report

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The Satellite Industry Association (SIA) President's Report is a weekly executive capsule covering current satellite industry news and events. See the bottom of page for additional information.

Recent News

SES AMERICOM announced that its REDiSat Network™ satellite communications technology is providing disaster recovery services to financial service providers in the Gulf of Mexico area, including St. Martin Bank & Trust in St. Martinville, Louisiana. With hurricane season approaching, it is imperative that all businesses properly prepare to ensure connectivity, regardless of a weather catastrophe or other crisis situation. http://www.ses-americom.com/americom_2008/siteSections/press_room/press_releases/06_24_08.php

DataPath, Inc. has been awarded \$3.7 million by the U.S. Army to manufacture and install DataPath DKET LT satellite communications hubs in support of the U.S. military Joint Task Force in Afghanistan. The systems will be deployed by U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) to deliver high-bandwidth voice, video and data connectivity that provides the SATCOM network in the region with global reach. With this order, the DKET network will include more than 75 advanced SATCOM hubs that serve as a vital communications backbone for U.S. military operations around the world. <http://www.datapath.com/948>

The Boeing Company announced the on-orbit handover of the Thuraya-3 Geo-Mobile satellite, which will extend Thuraya's coverage to 170 countries in Europe, Africa and Asia. Thuraya-3 is the third Boeing-built 702 Geo-Mobile satellite for Thuraya Satellite Telecommunications, a leading multiregional mobile satellite operator. The satellite was launched Jan. 15 aboard a Sea Launch Zenit-3SL rocket. http://www.boeing.com/news/releases/2008/q2/080623a_nr.html

Integral Systems, Inc. announced a contract with LMCSS (Lockheed Martin Commercial Space Systems) to expand JSAT Corporation's existing EPOCH IPS (Integrated Product Suite)-based ground system to support their new JCSAT-12 satellite, a Lockheed Martin A2100AX spacecraft planned for launch in 2009. This upgrade extends the existing EPOCH ground system, originally delivered to support JCSAT-9, -10, and -11, to support JCSAT-12 as part of an integrated, comprehensive system. The contract includes all telemetry and command processing, display, ranging, flight dynamics, and equipment status and control to enable JSAT to safely and effectively operate JCSAT-12.

<http://www.integ.com/PR2008/ISIIntegratedSolutiontoJCSAT12.pdf>

Alliant Techsystems played a key role in the successful launch of United Launch Alliance's Delta II rocket today from Vandenberg Air Force Base, California.

ATK manufactured the three GEM-40 solid propulsion strap-on boosters that ignited with the Delta II first-stage main engine at liftoff. The boosters provided 408,000 pounds of maximum thrust helping carry the Ocean Surface Topography Mission (OSTM) on the Jason-2 satellite to its required orbit. http://atk.mediaroom.com/index.php?s=press_releases&item=826

SES NEW SKIES announces that it has been contracted by Chinese Satellite Communications Inc. (CSTV) to provide transponder capacity on the NSS-6 satellite for their A-Sky-Net direct-to-

home (DTH) satellite television service targeting the Australian Region. CSTV's A-Sky-Net DTH service currently offers a comprehensive mix of Chinese channels geared to cater to a wide range of ethnic Chinese viewers and will initially utilize a full transponder. The DTH package will be uplinked from Taiwan and can be received throughout Australia.

<http://www.newskies.com/pressreleases.htm>

Six new communications satellites have been successfully launched on board a Cosmos 3M carrier, which lifted off from Kasputin Yar in Russia. They are to be used to augment and modernize the communications network operated by US satellite operator ORBCOMM Inc., which currently comprises 29 satellites. <http://www.spaceref.com/news/viewpr.html?pid=25711>

SSTL's privately funded UK-DMC-2 has passed its Test Readiness Review (TRR) at its Manufacturing Integration and Test Facilities in Guildford, UK. The new Earth Observation satellite will provide higher performance imaging capabilities to the Disaster Monitoring Constellation which is operated by SSTL's subsidiary DMCii.

http://www.ballard.co.uk/press_releases/company_releases.aspx?story=1187

2008 Upcoming Meetings and Events

This Month:

June 26 – 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM, SSPI Mid-Atlantic Chapter, "Broadcasting Media and Satellite," networking and tour of the PBS Network Operation Center and Satellite Operations Center, PBS Technology Center 6453 Stephenson Way, Springfield, VA 22312. For more information www.sspi.org, RSVP required before June 25...sspi@erols.com

Ahead:

September 23 -25 – APSCC 2008 Satellite "Satellites on the Move"

Jeju Island, Korea <http://www.apsc.or.kr/event/apsc2008.asp>

September 29 - October 3– IAC 2008 International Astronautical Congress and Exhibition, Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre and Crowne Plaza Hotel in Glasgow, Scotland, www.iac2008.co.uk

October 14 – ISCe Satellite Investment Symposium (ISIS NYC '08) - The Princeton Club, New York, NY www.isis-nyc.com

October 14 - SSPI 3rd Annual Future Leaders Dinner. The Princeton Club, New York, NY. www.sspi.org

October 15-16 – SATCON Satellite and Content Delivery Conference & Expo, Javits Convention Center, New York, NY <http://www.satconexpo.com/>

October 29 – 31 – TCIP 10th Annual Conference Hyatt Regency Chicago Chicago, IL www.ctc.org

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