



## Abnormal load travelling to Sutherland Spaceport Site

**Forres, UK, 13th February 2024** – The construction of Sutherland Spaceport is underway and UK-based orbital launch services company, Orbex, would like to make residents and visitors in the Sutherland and surrounding area aware of an abnormal load that will be travelling to the Spaceport site on Tuesday, 13 February and Wednesday, 14 February 2024. The truck will be transporting two large bridges that will form part of the site.

### Details outlined below:

Grampian Continental will transport an abnormal load under escort to the Sutherland Spaceport site on Tuesday, 13 February and Wednesday, 14 February.

On the morning of Tuesday, 13 February the vehicle will travel north using the A9, arriving at Inverness at around midday. It will then travel onward on the afternoon of Tuesday 13 February using the A9 to Thurso where it will stop overnight.

The truck will resume its journey to the Spaceport on Wednesday, 14 February, leaving Thurso that morning. It will travel west along the A836 and then the A838 to the Spaceport site.

Please note that details and times are subject to change.

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### About Orbex

Orbex is a UK-based spaceflight company with headquarters, production and testing facilities in Scotland, and design and testing facilities in Denmark. Orbex staff members have professional backgrounds with NASA, ESA and several commercial spaceflight organisations. The company is funded by the Scottish National Investment bank, two of the UK's largest venture capital funds, BGF and Octopus Ventures, two of Europe's largest venture capital funds, Heartcore Capital and the High-Tech Gründerfonds, as well as strategic investors Elecnor, parent company of Deimos Space, and Jacobs, the largest services supplier to NASA. The company has won more than a dozen R&D contracts from a wide variety of bodies, including the UK Space Agency (UKSA), the European Space Agency (ESA) and the European Commission Horizon 2020 programme.

In 2022, Orbex signed a lease with development agency Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) for the spaceport location on land on the A' Mhoine peninsula in north-west Sutherland. Orbex will oversee the construction and assume full operational management of the new facility. The 10-acre launch site will become the long-term 'home' spaceport of Orbex and will see the launch of up to 12 orbital rockets per year, carrying satellites into low Earth orbit.

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