



Next Stage of Development Starts for Sutherland Spaceport

Forres, UK, 12th June, 2023 – Orbex announced today that it is set to kickstart the next stage of development for Sutherland Spaceport, with site preparations beginning on Monday 12th June, and construction scheduled to commence on Friday 16th June.

This phase of development will focus on the access road and the car park area, which will also serve as the construction compound during the project. Key parts of this phase will include preparatory excavation work, the creation of a stone base for the compound area as well as the installation of a floating road. The construction will be managed by the Jacobs construction team and overseen by the Environmental Clerk of Works (ECoW), and the Planning Monitor.

The upcoming work also involves environmental survey work related to one passing location, expected to be concluded shortly, leading to the completion of the last passing place by 16th June. All other passing places from the first phase of construction have been completed ahead of schedule.

This new phase includes the re-starting of temporary traffic control measures around the bell mouth area of the Spaceport as construction extends northwards onto the main site. Once the construction advances away from the close proximity to the A838 the need to continue with temporary traffic control measures will be reviewed. In line with the approved traffic management plan, stone delivery vehicles will operate throughout the project period.

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, Ariane 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, NASA's largest services provider, and partner to Orbex in the construction of Sutherland Spaceport. Orbex has also won significant support contracts from the UK Space Agency (UKSA), the European Space Agency (ESA) and the European Commission Horizon 2020 programme.

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