



Construction Set to Commence at Sutherland Spaceport

Forres, UK, 21st April, 2023 – Orbex has announced that construction for Sutherland Spaceport is due to start imminently.

Jacobs, the contractor appointed by Orbex to manage construction for the site has appointed Lybster-based [John Gunn and Sons Ltd](#) as its local construction partner. The Gunn team will begin their mobilisation next week on Monday 24th and Tuesday, 25th April. Their initial focus will be to improve and extend the entry to the spaceport site.

In advance of the works starting, safety signage and traffic lights will be set up on the A838 (heading both east and west) close to the spaceport entrance. Work will start formally on 26th April and is expected to be completed by middle or end of May.

Future phases of work will include improvements to various passing places, required as part of the planning requirement from the Highland Council. This work will take place after the spaceport entrance work has been concluded in order to minimise disruption to traffic on the road. Further details about this second phase of work will be released in due course.

Orbex is also currently recruiting for an Environmental Clerk of Works position, making this the second job directly associated with the spaceport. The role will monitor the contractor's compliance with the ecological, ornithological and hydrological commitments provided in the Environmental Impact Study, approved as part of the 2020 planning permission for the site granted by the Highland Council. Details for vacancy are on the [Work with us](#) section of the Orbex website.

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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