



NEWS RELEASE

# Rocket Lab Launches 112th Satellite to Orbit

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MAHIA, New Zealand--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Rocket Lab USA, Inc (Nasdaq: **RKLB**), a leading launch and space systems company, has successfully deployed two satellites to orbit for real-time geospatial intelligence company BlackSky (NYSE: **BKSY**), bringing the total number of satellites deployed by Rocket Lab to 112.

Successful lift-off of the 'Without Mission A Beat' launch by Rocket Lab. (Photo: Business Wire)

The 'Without Mission A Beat' mission, arranged for BlackSky through global launch services provider Spaceflight Inc., was Electron's 25th lift-off from

Rocket Lab Launch Complex 1 on New Zealand's Mahia Peninsula. Following lift-off at 12:41 UTC, April 2, Electron successfully delivered the pair of BlackSky Gen-2 Earth-imaging satellites to a circular 430km orbit, growing BlackSky's constellation of real-time geospatial monitoring spacecraft to 14.

BlackSky combines the power of its satellite constellation, that provides high-frequency monitoring of the most strategic and critical locations in the world, with its high-performance software platform, Spectra AI, to deliver real-time alerts, data, and information to decision-makers across a range of industries. BlackSky's commissioning process for these latest two satellites is now underway to bring them into service as quickly as possible. The last pair of BlackSky satellites deployed by Rocket Lab began commercial operations and generated revenue within six days of launch.

Today's mission, in addition to three Rocket Lab launches for BlackSky and Spaceflight in 2021, is part of a multi-launch agreement that represents the largest number of satellites BlackSky has dedicated to a single launch provider to date. Rocket Lab is contracted to launch another pair of BlackSky satellites on a dedicated Electron mission scheduled for later this year.

Rocket Lab founder and CEO, Peter Beck, says: "Congratulations and welcome to space once again, BlackSky. The past few missions for BlackSky showcase the benefits of a dedicated launch on Electron: quick constellation expansion, streamlined access to space, and fast delivery of global insights to BlackSky customers. Rocket Lab is proud to play its part."

"The launch of these latest two satellites enhances our capacity-on-demand offering for customers," said Nick Merski, BlackSky Chief Operations Officer. "We continue to build on our strategic intelligence advantage as we expand our constellation, ensuring commercial and our government customers are the first to know about the changes that matter most to them."

Details about Rocket Lab's next mission will be announced shortly.

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+ ABOUT ROCKET LAB

Founded in 2006, Rocket Lab is an end-to-end space company with an established track record of mission success. We deliver reliable launch services, spacecraft components, satellites and other spacecraft and on-orbit management solutions that make it faster, easier and more affordable to access space. Headquartered in Long Beach, California, Rocket Lab designs and manufactures the Electron small orbital launch vehicle and the Photon satellite platform and is developing the Neutron 8-ton payload class launch vehicle. Since its first orbital launch in January 2018, Rocket Lab's Electron launch vehicle has become the second most frequently launched U.S. rocket annually and has delivered 112 satellites to orbit for private and public sector organizations, enabling operations in national security, scientific research, space debris mitigation, Earth observation, climate monitoring, and communications. Rocket Lab's Photon spacecraft platform has been selected to support NASA missions to the Moon and Mars, as well as the first private commercial mission to Venus. Rocket Lab has three launch pads at two launch sites, including two launch pads at a private orbital launch site located in New Zealand, one of which is currently operational, and a second launch site in Virginia, USA which is expected to become operational in 2022. To learn more, visit [www.rocketlabusa.com](http://www.rocketlabusa.com)

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