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BlackSky and Rocket Lab Establish Launch Window for First Gen-3 Satellite

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HERNDON, Va.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- BlackSky Technology Inc. (NYSE: [BKSY](#)) and Rocket Lab USA, Inc. (Nasdaq: RKLB) have established a launch window opening February 18 for the first Gen-3 satellite. The launch, named *"Fasten Your Space Belts,"* will add very high-resolution 35-centimeter imaging capability to BlackSky's high-cadence, low-latency data and AI-enabled analytics offerings.

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BlackSky's first Gen-3 satellite recently completed encapsulation onto an Electron rocket at Rocket Lab's Launch Complex 1 in New Zealand. The launch window for the *"Fasten Your Space Belts"* mission opens February 18. BlackSky's Gen-3 will add very high-resolution 35-centimeter imaging capability to the company's high-cadence, low-latency data and AI-enabled analytics offerings. (Photo: Rocket Lab)

"This launch represents a major inflection point for our global defense and intelligence customer base as BlackSky introduces very high-resolution Gen-3 capabilities to our high-frequency, low-latency monitoring constellation," said Brian O'Toole, BlackSky CEO. "As more Gen-3 satellites complete production, we

expect a regular cadence of additional launches over the coming year."

"Electron is a trusted and reliable constellation builder for companies like BlackSky, allowing them to be in control of how, when, and where to deploy their constellation. BlackSky is one of our earliest and longest-standing commercial satellite customers, and it's great to be heading back to the pad with them once again to continue to advance and expand their constellation," said Sir Peter Beck, Rocket Lab founder and CEO.

As BlackSky's constellation evolves with the regular addition of Gen-3 satellites, BlackSky will continue to optimize for increased constellation capacity and flexibility giving customers confidence in reliable access to services. Gen-3 customers will be able to conduct the automated detection, identification and classification of a wide library of vehicles, aircraft, vessels and other objects of tactical interest. These new capabilities will further enable BlackSky's space-based intelligence applications for tactical ISR missions and strategic intelligence operations.

About BlackSky Technology Inc.

BlackSky is a real-time, space-based intelligence company that delivers on-demand, high frequency imagery, analytics, and high-frequency monitoring of the most critical and strategic locations, economic assets, and events in the world. BlackSky owns and operates

one of the industry's most advanced, purpose-built commercial, real-time intelligence systems that combines the power of the BlackSky Spectra® tasking and analytics software platform and our proprietary low earth orbit satellite constellation.

With BlackSky, customers can see, understand and anticipate changes for a decisive strategic advantage at the tactical edge, and act not just fast, but first. BlackSky is trusted by some of the most demanding U.S. and international government agencies, commercial businesses, and organizations around the world. BlackSky is headquartered in Herndon, VA, and is publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange as BKSJ. To learn more, visit www.blacksky.com and follow us on [X \(Twitter\)](#).

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