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# BlackSky Fourth Gen-3 Satellite Achieves On-Orbit First Light Operations Within Hours

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HERNDON, Va.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- BlackSky Technology Inc. (NYSE: **BKSY**) delivered first light imagery from its fourth Gen-3 satellite within hours following launch. As the Gen-3 constellation continues to expand, this milestone adds vital on-orbit capacity for warfighters and illustrates how the company's best-in-class 35-centimeter satellites are meeting the global customer demand for responsive, tactical ISR at real-time mission speed.

A Gen-3, unit four, very high-resolution image collected over Arturo Merino Benítez International Airport in Santiago, Chile demonstrates the timely operational value of high-cadence, space-based dynamic monitoring capabilities in support of strategic and tactical defense and intelligence missions. The BlackSky image, capturing an aircraft taking off from the airport, was collected March 8, 2026, at 11:31 a.m.

“Following launch, every BlackSky Gen-3 satellite has successfully demonstrated on-orbit first light operations on day one,” said Brian O’Toole, BlackSky CEO. “By consistently

reducing launch-to-first light down to just hours and the imagery operations window down to days BlackSky is bringing trustworthy, operationally ready assets to meet our most demanding customers’ needs at mission-relevant speeds.”

BlackSky's rapid commissioning process quickens customers' access to valuable Gen-3 capacity and maximizes the long-term operational ROI of every asset in our constellation. All of BlackSky's Gen-3 satellites have consistently delivered initial images with remarkable clarity and uniform quality, detailing vehicles, maritime vessels, and aircraft



of various sizes, as well as individual people and their shadows. Sharper imagery reduces ambiguity and contributes to better analytics development with stronger insights for end users.

“Continued expansion of the Gen-3 constellation remains on track as each new satellite exceeds performance expectations and delivers real world mission-critical data seamlessly into end users’ workflows in real time,” said O’Toole.

BlackSky continues to expand the Gen-3 constellation through a regular interval of launches that increase capacity, the number of tasking opportunities and potential customer applications for automated real-time and predictive battlefield monitoring. BlackSky’s purpose-built software and hardware architecture is uniquely suited to provide secure, fast and flexible commercial services that complement national assets with mission-relevant tactical ISR capability at exceptional value.

To meet global demand for reliable access to data, BlackSky deploys its full technology stack—encompassing satellite production and proprietary AI development. This vertically integrated approach provides customers with dedicated access to data exactly when and where they need it, from flexible On-Demand and Assured subscriptions services to sovereign systems.

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