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BlackSky Successfully Commissions Gen-3 in Less Than One Week Opening Gen-3 General Availability for Global Customer Base

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HERNDON, Va.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- BlackSky Technology Inc. (NYSE: BKSJ) has successfully commissioned the fourth Gen-3 satellite in less than one week following launch, opening general availability for its advanced, next-generation Gen-3 capabilities to all global customers. This industry-leading achievement makes daily service for best-in-class 35-centimeter imagery and AI-enabled analytics available to customers through BlackSky Spectra.

A Gen-3, unit four, very high-resolution image captured just days following launch displays the remarkable clarity and quality of the company's best-in-class 35-centimeter imagery. Sharper imagery reduces ambiguity and contributes to better AI analytics development with stronger insights for end users. The BlackSky image details morning maritime port and railyard operations at Gqeberha, South Africa, on March 9, 2026 at 9:44 a.m.

"With immediate additional capacity integrated into live operations, customers experience a pivotal qualitative increase in how they see, understand, and anticipate

changes at the tactical edge," said Brian O'Toole, BlackSky CEO. "Commissioning our latest Gen-3 in just days gets critical capability into our customers' hands quickly, increases each satellite's operational lifespan and ultimately expands the total ROI of our on-orbit assets."

Gen-3 general availability opens opportunities for BlackSky's global customer base to directly task daytime, twilight, and nighttime collections to support persistent monitoring and rapid response to emerging events. BlackSky's



proprietary AI-enabled analytics give customers the ability to detect and classify vehicles, vessels and aircraft of strategic interest and observe critical pattern-of-life changes over time. The combined value of daily Gen-3 and hourly Gen-2 monitoring capabilities gives customers an immensely powerful high-cadence, time-diverse view of the operational landscape.

“BlackSky is delivering trustworthy on-orbit capability now to the most demanding military and intelligence organizations in the world at disruptive scale and economics. Our ability to develop, build and deploy Gen-3 at a rapid pace fulfills our commitment to accelerate real-world decision workflows in real time,” said O’Toole.

BlackSky’s rapid commissioning process includes establishing communications and quickly verifying system functionality for propulsion, positioning and power. The process also includes calibrating the imagery sensor payload, onboard processing systems and testing automated operations, a process that traditionally may take many months to accomplish.

The entire Gen-3 constellation has 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.

About BlackSky

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.

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