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BlackSky's Third Gen-3 Enters Commercial Operations in Just Three Weeks Following Launch

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Exponential increase in commissioning speed rapidly expands available capacity for Gen-3 data services amidst accelerated international customer adoption

HERNDON, Va.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- BlackSky Technology Inc. (NYSE: **BKSY**) successfully integrated its third Gen-3 satellite into commercial operations just three weeks following launch, reflecting an exponential increase in commissioning speed since the launch of its first Gen-3 unit. This accomplishment reflects another remarkable performance milestone as the company seamlessly expands reliable capacity for very high-resolution 35-centimeter imagery and AI-enabled analytics for customers worldwide.

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"Integrating our latest Gen-3 satellite into the BlackSky Spectra platform in just 21 days following launch is proof positive that our first-of-its-kind end-to-end architecture is delivering incredible operational value to our customers at disruptive speed, scale and economics,"

said Brian O'Toole, BlackSky CEO. "Achieving effective market penetration and expansion with Gen-3 is the direct result of meeting customer commitments and delivering exceptional mission-relevant value through a disciplined 'land and expand' approach."

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“With every successful Gen-3 performance milestone, BlackSky demonstrates that we are unequivocally meeting global demand for flexible, secure tactical ISR capabilities at unprecedented speed. When we launched our first Gen-3, we received first light imagery in 5 days with our second and third units delivering imagery in as fast as twelve hours,” added O’Toole.

BlackSky’s rapid commissioning process places tasking capacity into customers’ hands quickly and increases the overall operational life of each satellite as they come online sooner. Customers no longer have to wait months to access capacity from newly launched on-orbit assets typically associated with traditional commissioning timelines.

BlackSky’s best-in-class Gen-3 capabilities continue to exceed performance specifications for low-latency, very high-resolution imagery and AI-enabled analytics where speed-to-insight is essential to mission success. With three Gen-3 satellites now on orbit, the company plans to grow the constellation at a regular cadence. Each new Gen-3 satellite expands capacity, lowers latency, adds flexibility and increases customer applications for automated real-time and predictive battlefield monitoring.

The company is leveraging its full technology stack of vertically integrated satellite manufacturing, software and AI solutions to meet global customer demand for guaranteed access to data, when and where customers need it, through novel delivery models like capacity sharing, Assured subscription access or full sovereign systems.

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.

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