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AIRBUS AND CASIS SIGN USER AGREEMENT FOR BARTOLOMEO PLATFORM

This user agreement which will allow for expanded commercial space-based research on ISS

HOUSTON, TX- Airbus DS Space Systems, Inc. (ADSH) in Houston, Texas and Center for the Advancement of Science in Space (CASIS) have signed a user agreement outlining terms for usage of the Bartolomeo External Payload and Science Hosting Facility on the International Space Station (ISS). According to CASIS, Bartolomeo represents an “enabling technology that will enhance opportunities for utilization of the ISS by commercial interests, other government agencies and educational entities”. With this agreement, we now have the joint framework to provide consistent, effective, and affordable access to Bartolomeo resources.

Operating in Low Earth Orbit (LEO), ISS provides an unparalleled environment for space-based research and development activities. Space-based enterprise aboard the ISS is unique in that it affords the customer access to microgravity; the extreme environment of space and the unique vantage point of ISS. Operating in an altitude of ~240 miles, the ISS orbit covers 90% of the Earth’s population, making it an ideal platform for Earth Observation.

“Our role as innovators in the commercial space economy is to simplify access to Low Earth Orbit and help to open up the ISS to a global user community,” said Ron Dunklee, CEO of Airbus DS Space Systems. “By partnering with CASIS, we are creating a capability for institutional and private organizations to bring their external payloads to space in 12-18 months after signing a contract. With our All-in-One Space Mission Service, Bartolomeo users can concentrate on their payload, while we take care

of everything else, from launch and installation, to in-space operations, communication links, and even payload return”.

Named after the younger brother of Christopher Columbus, the Bartolomeo platform offers 12 powered payload slots on the outside of the Columbus module. Bartolomeo can robotically accommodate payloads of up to 125kg and 0.5 m³. With the development of our ArgUS Payload Adapter, Bartolomeo can provide slot sharing capability for smaller payload customers in the 1 to 36U range.

The platform has recently passed the preliminary design review and is on track for launch in late 2019. Airbus is currently signing on customers who want to participate in space-based research and commercial endeavors.

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About Airbus DS Space Systems, Inc.

Airbus DS Space Systems, Inc. (ADSH) is a US Corporation founded in 1973 and headquartered in Houston Texas. ADSH is a full-service space flight company with over 20 years continual support to NASA, ESA, and the US commercial aerospace community specializing in ISS utilization, External Platform development, software engineering and Payload processing. Airbus DS Space Systems, Inc. is a trusted partner committed to the commercial development of a true orbital economy. For more information, visit www.airbusdshouston.com.

About CASIS:

The Center for Advancement of Science in Space (CASIS) is the nonprofit organization selected to manage the ISS National Laboratory with a focus on enabling a new era of space research to improve life on Earth. In this innovative role, CASIS promotes and brokers a diverse range of research in life sciences, physical sciences, remote sensing, technology development, and education.

Since 2011, the ISS National Lab portfolio has included hundreds of novel research projects spanning multiple scientific disciplines, all with the intention of benefitting life on Earth. Working together with NASA, CASIS aims to advance the nation’s leadership in commercial space, pursue groundbreaking science not possible on Earth, and leverage the space station to inspire the next generation. For more information, visit www.iss-casis.org.

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