MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE UK SPACE AGENCY AND THE MEXICAN SPACE AGENCY

REGARDING COOPERATION IN THE EXPLORATION AND USE OF OUTER SPACE FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES

The United Kingdom Space Agency (hereinafter referred to as 'UKSA') and the Mexican Space Agency of the United Mexican States (hereinafter referred to as 'AEM')

HAVING regard to the wishes of UKSA and AEM (hereinafter referred to as the 'Participants') to cooperate on space activities for their mutual benefit;

CONSIDERING the common interest of the United Kingdom and Mexico in the use of space technology for peaceful purposes;

RECOGNISING the advantages and benefits arising from international cooperation in the space field;

HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDINGS:

- 1 The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding ('MoU') is:
 - a) to provide a framework for collaborative activities and for reviewing areas of common interest in the civil aspects of space;
 - b) to facilitate the interchange of information, technology and personnel in areas of mutual interest;
 - c) to nominate relevant points of contact for both Participants.
- 2 Subject to the laws and regulations applicable to them, the Participants, through consultation, will decide upon the specific items and scope of cooperation within the framework of this MoU. Details of the proposed collaborative space projects are as follow:
 - a) UKSA will facilitate collaboration between any space company based in the UK and AEM in the area of:
 - i) Human capital development on space field and related areas;
 - ii) Space scientific and technology research, including:
 - Earth Observation and applications
 - Small satellite platforms and payloads

- Telecommunications;
- iii) Space science and technology demonstration.
- b) AEM and UKSA will jointly identify suitable projects of common interest that can be supported and developed in the UK and Mexico.

Other areas of cooperation may be identified by mutual consent of the Participants.

- 3 Both Participants acknowledge that any activities undertaken through the MoU will:
 - a) comply with all relevant export controls in force on a case-by-case basis; and
 - b) respect intellectual property rights.

The Participants also acknowledge that this MoU will place no financial or other commitment on either Government or Participant.

4 The Participants will arrange meetings by mutual consent to review progress on the implementation of this MoU. The persons nominated by the Participants as responsible for overseeing the implementation of this MoU are as follow:

For UKSA: Industry and Export Policy Official, UKSA

For Mexico: Deputy Director for International Relationships and Security, AEM

or such other person notified to the other Participant.

- This MoU may be amended by mutual consent of the Participants. The Participant wishing to make an amendment will notify the other in writing. Any amendment will take effect when each Participant has notified the other in writing of its consent to the amendment.
- This MoU will come into force on the date of signature by both Participants and will continue in operation until terminated by either Participant giving six months' written notice to the other.

Signed in duplicate on May 30th 2013 in the English and Spanish languages, both texts having equal validity

For

the UK Space Agency (UKSA):

For

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