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D-Orbit collaborates with Spaceflight Inc. to accommodate VZLU payload onboard ION in last-minute operation

Fino Mornasco, Italy January 5, 2022: Space logistics company [D-Orbit](#) succeeded in a **last-minute integration of an additional satellite on the ION Satellite Carrier** to be launched on the upcoming Transporter-3 mission after Spaceflight's orbital transfer vehicle had to disembark from Falcon 9 due to a leak coming from the propulsion system.

D-Orbit and US launch provider Spaceflight promptly teamed up to accommodate VZLUSat-2, a 3U CubeSat of the Czech Aerospace Research Centre (VZLU) in partnership with Spacemanic, onboard ION.

The D-Orbit team who was at Cape Canaveral for the integration of ION on Falcon 9 had to work with a very stringent deadline but was nonetheless able to successfully integrate the new payload onboard ION without any disruption to the ongoing activities.

*"We are happy to have joined forces with Spaceflight to accommodate VZLUSat-2 on ION; this kind of collaborations truly embody the spirit of the New Space industry and thanks to all the parties involved, everything went smoothly" commented **Pietro Guerrieri, the company's Head of Strategy and Innovation** at D-Orbit. "We are also very proud of our young and exceptionally skilled team; they have handled the situation timely and flawlessly".*

VZLUSat-2 will fly onboard ION SCV004, the fourth spacecraft of the ION fleet to be launched in orbit since September 2020. **The launch is scheduled for January 2022.**

About D-Orbit

D-Orbit is a market leader in the space logistics and transportation services industry with a track record of space-proven technologies and successful missions.

Founded in 2011, before the dawn of the New Space market, D-Orbit is the first company addressing the logistics needs of the space market. ION Satellite Carrier, for example, is a space vehicle that can transport satellites in orbit and release them individually into distinct orbital slots, reducing the time from launch to operations by up to 85% and the launch costs of an entire satellite constellation by up to 40%. ION can also accommodate multiple third-party payloads like innovative technologies developed by startups, experiments from research entities, and instruments from traditional space companies requiring a test in orbit.

D-Orbit is a space infrastructure pioneer with offices in Italy, Portugal, UK, and the US; its commitment to pursuing business models that are profitable, friendly for the environment, and socially beneficial, led to D-Orbit becoming the first certified B-Corp space company in the world.

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