

D-Orbit Signs Agreement with Oman's International Emerging Technology Company ETCO

The agreement focuses on a partnership aiming at setting up a satellite manufacturing facility in Oman, the first initiative of this kind in the Sultanate.

Dubai, UAE, October 27th, 2021: Space logistics company **D-Orbit** announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with **International Emerging Technology Company (ETCO)**, a technology leader in the Sultanate of Oman. The document sets the basis for a **potential partnership aiming at setting up a satellite manufacturing and space logistics facility in Oman.**

The contract was signed on October 26th, during the 72nd International Astronautical Conference, by **Luca Rossetini**, D-Orbit's CEO, and **Ammar Al Rawahi**, Director of Astro and Space Technologies at ETCO. The signing happened in the presence of **Giorgio Saccoccia**, President of the Italian Space Agency (ASI), and **Dr. Saoud Al Shoaili**, Head of the National Space Program at the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology (MTCIT).

*"We are proud that the Sultanate of Oman has chosen D-Orbit as a partner in exploring the opportunity of creating a facility in the Middle East to manufacture mechanical components for commercial space applications" commented **Luca Rossetini, D-Orbit CEO.** "This partnership will lay the ground for a steadily growing collaboration that will be essential in developing advanced space capabilities in the region. We are looking forward to a collaboration that will enable the Sultanate of Oman to become an emerging actor of the New Space economy, offering D-Orbit the opportunity to assume an early role as a stakeholder".*

The development of such project, **the first of its kind in the Sultanate of Oman**, would also involve government entities of the Sultanate interested in supporting the growth of domestic technologies within the space industry.

*"This partnership with D-Orbit, which is considered one of the most prominent space logistics companies in the world, will contribute to covering part of the market's need in the region for medium and small satellites and finding auxiliary manufacturing lines for associated space technologies," said **Ammar Al Rawahi**, Director of Astro and Space Technologies at ETCO. "Our most prominent gain from this partnership is supporting our qualified national competencies to evolve with the latest global expertise in space manufacturing."*



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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