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#### Note verbale dated 19 January 2022 from the Permanent Mission of New Zealand to the United Nations (Vienna) addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of New Zealand to the United Nations (Vienna), in accordance with article IV of the Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space (General Assembly resolution 3235 (XXIX), annex), has the honour to transmit herewith information concerning objects launched into outer space from New Zealand during the period from 1 November 2020 to 31 December 2021 (see annex).<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The data on space objects referenced in the annex were entered into the Register of Objects Launched into Outer Space on 21 February 2022.





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## Information on space objects launched from New Zealand<sup>\*,\*\*</sup>

#### **Objects registered by New Zealand** I.

#### A. Objects launched by New Zealand during the period from 1 November 2020 to 31 December 2021

|                             |                        |   |  | Other                          | E                         | asic orbital p           | arameters      |                  |  | A                            | dditional vol     | untary information   |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|--|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| International<br>designator | National<br>designator | Name                                    | Date and time<br>of the launch<br>(New Zealand time) | launching                      | Nodal period<br>(minutes) | Inclination<br>(degrees) | Apogee<br>(km) | Perige<br>e (km) | General function<br>of the space<br>object | Owner or<br>operator         | Launch<br>vehicle | Website              |
| 2020-085A                   | NZ-2020-26             | Electron Kick<br>Stage Rocket<br>Body   | 20 November<br>2020, 1520 hours                      | United<br>States of<br>America | 94.64                     | 97.37                    | 510            | 492              | Rocket body                                | Rocket<br>Lab USA            | Electron          | www.rocketlabusa.com |
| 2020-085D                   | NZ-2020-27             | APSS-1<br>QuakeTEC                      | 20 November<br>2020, 1520 hours                      | United<br>States               | 94.65                     | 97.37                    | 513            | 490              | Payload:<br>technology<br>demonstration    | University<br>of<br>Auckland | Electron          | -                    |
| 2021-068B                   | NZ-2021-13             | Electron Rocket<br>Body                 | 29 July 2021,<br>2311 hours                          | United<br>States               | 90.9                      | 37.01                    | 343            | 215              | Rocket body                                | Rocket<br>Lab USA            | Electron          | www.rocketlabusa.com |
| 2021-068C                   | NZ-2021-14             | Electron Kick<br>Stage Rocket<br>Body   | 29 July 2021,<br>2311 hours                          | United<br>States               | 93.69                     | 37.02                    | 570            | 339              | Rocket body                                | Rocket<br>Lab USA            | Electron          | www.rocketlabusa.com |
| 2021-106C                   | NZ-2021-16             | Electron debris<br>– payload<br>adapter | 18 November<br>2021, 1438 hours                      | United<br>States               | 93.14                     | 42.02                    | 437            | 419              | Rocket body                                | Rocket<br>Lab USA            | Electron          | www.rocketlabusa.com |
| 2021-106D                   | NZ-2021-17             | Electron Rocket<br>Body                 | 18 November<br>2021, 1438 hours                      | United<br>States               | 89.29                     | 42.02                    | 294            | 185              | Rocket body                                | Rocket<br>Lab USA            | Electron          | www.rocketlabusa.com |
| 2021-106E                   | NZ-2021-18             | Electron Kick<br>Stage Rocket<br>Body   | 18 November<br>2021, 1438 hours                      | United<br>States               | 88.7                      | 42.01                    | 269            | 152              | Rocket body                                | Rocket<br>Lab USA            | Electron          | www.rocketlabusa.com |
| 2021-120D                   | NZ-2021-21             | Electron Rocket<br>Body                 | 9 December 2021,<br>1302 hours                       | United<br>States               | 87.33                     | 42                       | 152            | 132              | Rocket body                                | Rocket<br>Lab USA            | Electron          | www.rocketlabusa.com |
| 2021-120E                   | NZ-2021-22             | Electron Rocket<br>Body                 | 9 December 2021,<br>1302 hours                       | United<br>States               | 89.91                     | 42.03                    | 373            | 166              | Rocket body                                | Rocket<br>Lab USA            | Electron          | www.rocketlabusa.com |

<sup>\*</sup> The data are reproduced in the form in which they were received. \*\* See www.space-track.org.

Basic orbital parameters Additional voluntary information Date and time General function Otherof the space object International National of the launch launching Nodal period Inclination Perige Owner or Launch Apogee designator designator Name (New Zealand time) States (minutes) (degrees) (km) e (km) operator vehicle Website NZ-2021-25 Electron debris 9 December 2021, United 92.94 42.01 422 www.rocketlabusa.com 2021-120C 415 Rocket body: Rocket Electron – payload 1302 hours States debris Lab USA adapter

#### B. Objects no longer in orbit

| International<br>designator | National designator | Name                               | Date and time<br>of the launch<br>(New Zealand time) | General function of the space object | Date of<br>re-entry (UTC) |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2019-016B                   | NZ-2019-003         | Electron Rocket<br>Body Stage 3    | 29 March 2019,<br>1227 hours                         | Rocket body                          | 25 June 2021              |
| 2019-037H                   | NZ-2019-010         | Electron Rocket<br>Body Stage 3    | 29 June 2019,<br>1630 hours                          | Rocket body                          | 16 March 2020             |
| 2021-004C                   | NZ-2021-03          | Electron Rocket<br>Body            | 20 January 2021,<br>1926 hours                       | Rocket body                          | 16 September 2021         |
| 2021-023F                   | NZ-2021-11          | Electron Rocket<br>Body            | 23 March 2021,<br>1030 hours                         | Rocket body                          | 15 January 2022           |
| 2021-068B                   | NZ-2021-13          | Electron Rocket<br>Body            | 29 July 2021<br>2311 hours                           | Rocket body                          | 15 November 2021          |
| 2021-106D                   | NZ-2021-17          | Electron Rocket<br>Body            | 18 November<br>2021, 1438 hours                      | Rocket body                          | 30 November 2021          |
| 2021-106E                   | NZ-2021-18          | Electron Kick Stage<br>Rocket Body | 18 November<br>2021, 1438 hours                      | Rocket body                          | 22 November 2021          |
| 2021-120D                   | NZ-2021-21          | Electron Rocket<br>Body            | 9 December<br>2021, 1302 hours                       | Rocket body                          | 17 December 2021          |
| 2021-120E                   | NZ-2021-22          | Electron Kick Stage<br>Rocket Body | 9 December<br>2021, 1302 hours                       | Rocket body                          | 14 December 2021          |

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#### C. Objects identified in a previous report that remain in orbit but are no longer operational

|  | International<br>designator | National<br>designator | Name | Date of the<br>launch<br>(UTC) | General<br>function of<br>the space<br>object | Date when space<br>object was no longer<br>functional (UTC) |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------------|------|--------------------------------|---|---|
|--|-----------------------------|------------------------|------|--------------------------------|---|---|

#### D. Objects identified in a previous report that have been moved to a disposal orbit

| International<br>designator | National<br>designator | Name | Date of the<br>launch<br>(UTC) | General<br>function of the<br>space object | Geostationary<br>position<br>(degrees East) | Date when space<br>object was moved<br>to a disposal orbit | Physical conditions when space object was moved to a disposal<br>orbit (change in orbit, passivation and other measures<br>recommended in space debris mitigation guidelines) |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|------|--------------------------------|--|---|--|---|
| None                        |                        |      |                                |  |   |  |   |

#### E. Objects the registration or ownership of which has been transferred from New Zealand to another country

| InternationalDate of change inIdentity of the newIdentity of the previousPrevious orbitalChange of funcdesignatordesignatorNamesupervision (UTC)owner or operatorowner or operatorpositionNew orbital positionthe space object |
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None

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#### F. Objects the registration or ownership of which has been transferred to New Zealand

| International<br>designator | National<br>designator | Name | Date of change in supervision (UTC) | Identity of the new owner or operator | Identity of the previous owner or operator | Previous orbital position | New orbital position | Change of function of the space object |
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None

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# G. Objects the registration or ownership of which has been transferred from one country to another, excluding New Zealand

| International<br>designator | National<br>designator | Name | Date of change in supervision (UTC) | Identity of the new owner or operator | Identity of the previous owner or operator | Previous orbital position | New orbital position | Change of function of the space object |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|----------------------|--|
| None                        |                        |      |                                     |                                       |  |                           |                      |  |

## II. Revisions to previously reported information

No revisions.

# III. Notification of space objects launched from New Zealand during the period from 1 March to 31 December 2021

The following space objects are not registered by New Zealand.

#### **Objects launched by New Zealand**<sup>1</sup>

|                             |                        |                        |   |                                |                              | Basic orbital p          | arameters      |                 |                                      | Additi                                     | onal voluntary    | v information |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------|---------------|
| International<br>designator | National<br>designator | Name                   | Date and time of<br>the launch (New<br>Zealand) | Other<br>launching<br>States   | Nodal<br>period<br>(minutes) | Inclination<br>(degrees) | Apogee<br>(km) | Perigee<br>(km) | General function of the space object | Owner or<br>operator                       | Launch<br>vehicle | Website       |
| 2021-023J                   | NZ-2021-12             | M2-B                   | 23 March 2021,<br>1030 hours                    | Australia                      | 95.67                        | 45.01                    | 556            | 545             | Technology demonstration             | University of<br>New South<br>Wales        | Electron          | -             |
| 2021-068A                   | NZ-2021-15             | STP-27RM<br>(Monolith) | 29 July 2021,<br>2311 hours                     | United<br>States of<br>America | 96.76                        | 37.02                    | 570            | 339             | Classified                           | United States<br>Air Force<br>Research Lab | Electron          | -             |
| 2021-106A                   | NZ-2021-19             | Global-14              | 18 November<br>2021, 1438<br>hours              | United<br>States               | 93.25                        | 42.02                    | 439            | 428             | Remote sensing                       | BlackSky<br>Global                         | Electron          | -             |
| 2021-106B                   | NZ-2021-20             | Global-15              | 18 November<br>2021, 1438<br>hours              | United<br>States               | 93.23                        | 42.02                    | 439            | 426             | Remote sensing                       | BlackSky<br>Global                         | Electron          | -             |
| 2021-120B                   | NZ-2021-23             | Global-16              | 9 December<br>2021, 1302<br>hours               | United<br>States               | 93.2                         | 42.01                    | 436            | 427             | Remote sensing                       | BlackSky<br>Global                         | Electron          | -             |
| 2021-120A                   | NZ-2021-24             | Global-17              | 9 December<br>2021, 1302<br>hours               | United<br>States               | 93.24                        | 42.01                    | 436            | 430             | Remote sensing                       | BlackSky<br>Global                         | Electron          | -             |

Note: Orbital parameters identified as at 17 January 2022 (source: www.space-track.org).

<sup>1</sup> On 15 May 2021, New Zealand launched the Global-10 and Global-11 space objects on behalf of a foreign satellite operator. As a result of a technical failure involving the Electron rocket launched from LC-1, Mahia Peninsula, New Zealand, the payloads on-board the Electron rocket failed to reach orbit.

## **IV.** Objects launched by New Zealand that are no longer in orbit

| International<br>designator | National designator | Name                     | Date and time of the<br>launch (New<br>Zealand) | Other launching States      | General function of the space object | Date of re-entry<br>(UTC) |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2019-016A                   | NZ-2019-001         | R3D2                     | 29 March 2019,<br>1227 hours                    | United States of<br>America | Technology<br>demonstration          | 23 May 2021               |
| 2020-085AB                  | NZ-2020-31          | Dragracer 1<br>(Alchemy) | 20 November<br>2020, 1520 hours                 | United States               | Technology demonstration             | 19 July 2021              |

The following space objects are not registered by New Zealand.

Note: Orbital parameters identified as at 17 January 2022 (source: www.space-track.org).