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A RUNWAY FOR SPACE TOURISM

CONFERENCE SHOWCASES UPCOMING SPACE TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES AND ATTIRE

LOS ANGELES -- Attendees at the Transforming Space 2007 Conference will fete designers who are addressing the age old question, "Going to space and have nothing to where?" The moxie space tourist will launch fashion into the future as tonight's runway extravaganza sets the stage for panel discussions at the conference focused on commercial space access and space venturing.

Space Style: A Giant Leap for Couture will be an exclusive fashion event tonight at 8 p.m. at the Sheraton Gateway LAX that promises to transport its audience to a private-sector Moon Base for a peek at the futuristic fashion. Attendees will witness a day in the life of the citizens of the proposed lunar cities "New Berlin" and "Alphaville." Designers from the U.S., Germany, Sweden and Japan will be highlighted. The fashion show and it's reception is open to the public.

"Space venturing is beyond the nuts and bolts of a launch system or an on orbiting space vehicle," stated Andrea Seastrand, Executive Director of the California Space Authority (CSA), host of the event. "Burt Rutan began the era of private space flight in California with the success of his SpaceShipOne. The natural growth of his efforts will produce an impressive economic engine of commercial activity and innovation. We at CSA are striving to ensure that the juggernaut of commercial space enterprise is based in California. "

The Conference will present a panel Tuesday afternoon on "Access to Space" featuring Brett Alexander, Executive Director of Space and Wirefly X Prize. His panelists will include: Mark Sirangelo, CEO of SpaceDev; Debra Facktor Lepore, President, AirLaunch; Jeff Greason, CEO, XCOR Aerospace; John Garvey, CEO, Garvey Spacecraft; and Doug Griffith, an aviation and spaceflight attorney specializing in commercial launch activities.

Wednesday morning will begin with a session on "Space Venturing" featuring representatives from the leading companies and space entrepreneurs investing in the space tourism market. In addition to James Muncy of PoliSpace, panelists will include Randa Milliron of InterOrbitalSystems; Dr. Vernon McDonald of Wyle Laboratories who will talk about health management and safety aspects of private space flight; Alec Tai of Virgin Galactic, the company headed by British mogul Sir Richard Branson and currently funding production of Spaceship Two; Stu Witt, General Manager of the Mojave Air and Spaceport, one of only two licensed commercial spaceports in the state; Rick Tumlinson of Orbital Outfitters, space visionary and policy expert; and John Spencer, Founder and President of the Space Tourism Society and a space architect.

Dr. Peter Diamandis, Chairman and CEO of Zero Gravity Corporation and the X-PRIZE Foundation and leading investor in private space enterprise, will also make a keynote address on Wednesday morning.

For more information on the Fashion Future 2007: A Giant Leap for Couture fashion show, please go to: <http://www.californiaspaceauthority.org/conference2007/images/VIPpass.pdf>

For more information about the Access to Space and Space Venturing Panels, please go to: <http://www.californiaspaceauthority.org/conference2007/agenda.html>

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