



Sea Launch Prepares for its 25th Mission – Launch of Thuraya-3

LONG BEACH, Calif., November 1, 2007 – The *Odyssey* Launch Platform and the *Sea Launch Commander* have departed Sea Launch Home Port, for the launch of the Thuraya-3 satellite. Liftoff is scheduled for November 13, in a 44-minute launch window that will open at 7:57 am Pacific Standard Time (15:57:00 GMT).

The vessels are sailing to the equatorial launch site at 154° West Longitude, in preparation for Sea Launch's 25th mission. When the vessels arrive, the team will ballast the platform to launch depth and perform a final series of tests on the launch system and the spacecraft. A 72-hour countdown will culminate in the launch of the 5,180 kg (11,420 lb) Thuraya-3 satellite to geosynchronous transfer orbit, on its way to a final orbital location of 98.5 degrees East Longitude.

Boeing designed and built the GEO-Mobile (GEM) spacecraft in El Segundo, Calif., for Thuraya Satellite Telecommunications Company, based in the United Arab Emirates. Boeing also built, and Sea Launch successfully deployed into orbit, Thuraya-1 (October 20, 2000) and Thuraya-2 (June 10, 2003). The satellites are designed to provide a range of mobile voice and data services over large geographic regions.

Thuraya, the world's largest provider of handheld mobile satellite services, is preparing to operate commercially in Asia-Pacific markets as early as January 2008, when Thuraya-3 is expected to become operational. Thuraya's expansion towards East Asia will allow it to provide its proven and highly affordable voice, IP and rural telephony services to thousands of private, public and business customers in the densely populated Asian region.

Sea Launch will provide live coverage of the Thuraya-3 mission via satellite and on its website, beginning at 7:40am PST (15:40:00 GMT) on Nov. 13.

About Sea Launch Company

Sea Launch Company, LLC, headquartered in Long Beach, Calif., offers the most direct and cost-effective route to geostationary orbit for commercial communications satellites. With the advantage of a launch site on the Equator, the robust Zenit-3SL rocket can lift a heavier mass or provide longer life on orbit, offering best value plus schedule assurance. For additional information and images about the Thuraya-3 mission, please visit the Sea Launch website at: www.sea-launch.com

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