

**PERMITTING DECISION SUMMARY**

**4 x Global Gen-3**

**BlackSky Global LLC (BlackSky)**

1. BlackSky is a US aerospace company, which specialises in global monitoring services. BlackSky operates a constellation of optical imaging satellites.
2. The four satellites under this permit are intended to join BlackSky's operational constellation for the purpose of Earth observation.
3. Payloads are permitted in line with the [Outer Space and High-altitude Activities Act 2017](#) and the [Outer Space and High-altitude Activities \(Licences and Permits\) Regulations 2017](#).
4. Each payload has been approved by the Minister for Space, on advice from officials across agencies. When approving payloads, the Minister needs to be satisfied that:
  - a. The applicant has taken and will continue to take all reasonable steps to safely manage the operation of the payload.
  - b. The proposed operation of the payload is consistent with New Zealand's international obligations; and
  - c. The applicant has an orbital debris mitigation plan that meets prescribed requirements.
  - d. Despite being satisfied of these matters, the Minister may nevertheless decline a permit if he is not satisfied that the proposed operation of the payload is in New Zealand's national interest.

<b>Date Granted</b>	<b>Authorisation Number</b>	<b>Payload Name</b>	<b>Owner or Operator</b>	<b>Country of Origin</b>
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