



PERMITTING DECISION SUMMARY

Global – 4

BlackSky Global LLC

1. BlackSky Global LLC (BlackSky) is a company based in the United States and is a subsidiary of Spaceflight Industries Inc. They deploy satellites through which they offer imaging as a service as part of their global intelligence platform.
2. The BlackSky satellite constellation is a group of microsatellites built by both BlackSky and LeoStella, a manufacturing joint venture between Spaceflight Industries and Thales Alenia Space. They have both solar cells and batteries. It is equipped with a SpaceView-24 imager, which can take up to 1000 images per day.
3. The BlackSky Global satellite constellation allows BlackSky's customers to monitor and derive insights into world events, such as monitoring maritime activity or observing weather patterns. They offer information in close to real time.
4. Payloads are permitted in line with the [Outer Space and High-altitude Activities Act 2017](#) (OSHAA) and the [Outer Space and High-altitude Activities \(Licences and Permits\) Regulations 2017](#).
5. Each payload has been approved by the Minister for Economic Development, 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.
6. Prior to the OSHAA, the [contract with Rocket Lab](#) allowed the Government to veto the launch of any payload that it determined was contrary to New Zealand law, regulations or policy, was contrary to New Zealand's international obligations or would prejudice New Zealand's national security or other national interests. Every payload launched by Rocket Lab under the contract was assessed against these interests.

Date Granted	Authorisation Number	Payload Name	Owner or Operator	Country of Origin
18 April 2019	180043-PPT	Global-4	BlackSky Global LLC	United States



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PAYLOAD PERMIT
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I, Hon David Parker, as Minister for Economic Development, acting pursuant to section 17 of the Outer Space and High-altitude Activities Act 2017 grant a Payload Permit to:

BlackSky Global LLC

BlackSky Global LLC is authorised to launch and operate 'Global-4', for the purpose of Remote Sensing.

This permit will take effect upon signature, and will expire when the payload is no longer in the Earth's orbit.

This permit is granted subject to the Outer Space and High-altitude Activities Act 2017 and all regulations under the Act, and the conditions of the permit.

18 APR 2019

Dated

Hon David Parker
Minister for Economic Development