

August Investment Activity

August 18 – **Space Exploration Technologies Corp.** revealed in a filing with the **U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission** that it raised \$1.9b in equity as part of an investment round that may ultimately yield more than \$2b in new funding.

August 25 – After announcing on August 18 that it acquired satellite services company **Lepton Global Solutions LLC**, **Kymeta Corporation** announced that it raised \$85.2m in its fourth and latest funding round, led by Bill Gates.

August 25 – **Beijing Interstellar Glory Space Technology Ltd.**, a private Chinese launch services provider, announced that it raised \$173m in a Series B funding round.

August Launch Services Performed

August 7 – **Space Exploration Technologies Corp.** (SpaceX) performed its tenth **Starlink** mission, orbiting 57 Starlink satellites, along with the **Global 7** and **Global 8** satellites for **BlackSky Global LLC**, on a **Falcon 9** launch vehicle. After launch, SpaceX recovered the Falcon 9's first stage.

August 15 – **Arianespace S.A.** successfully launched the **Galaxy 30** satellite for **Intelsat S.A.**, the **BSAT-4b** satellite for **Broadcasting Satellite System Corporation** and the **MEV-2** satellite servicing spacecraft for **Northrop Grumman Corporation** subsidiary **SpaceLogistics LLC** on an **Ariane 5** launch vehicle, marking a return to flight after a five-month hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

August 18 – SpaceX performed its eleventh Starlink mission, orbiting another 58 Starlink satellites, as well as three **SkySat** satellites for **Planet Labs, Inc.** (Planet) to complete Planet's 21-satellite constellation, on a **Falcon 9** launch vehicle with a first stage booster being re-used for a record-breaking sixth time. After launch, SpaceX recovered the Falcon 9's first stage.

August 23 – A Chinese **Long March 2D** launch vehicle orbited a **Gaofen-9** Earth observation satellite and two small payloads.

August 30 – SpaceX successfully launched the **SAOCOM 1B** Earth observation satellite for Argentina's **National Commission on Space Activities** and two rideshare payloads on a **Falcon 9** launch vehicle and then recovered the Falcon 9's first stage.

August 31 – **Rocket Lab Ltd.** launched the **Sequoia** satellite for **Capella Space Corp.** (Capella) on an **Electron** launch vehicle in a successful return to flight after a failure in July. Sequoia is the first satellite to be launched for Capella's **Whitney** constellation of Synthetic Aperture Radar satellites.

Intelsat Acquires GoGo Commercial Aviation Division

On August 31, **Intelsat S.A.** announced that it agreed to acquire the commercial aviation business unit of **Gogo Inc.** for \$400m in cash. Intelsat plans to fund the acquisition with cash on hand and proceeds from the \$1b DIP credit facility made available to it as part of its chapter 11 restructuring. The transaction is expected to close in Q1 2021.

August Satellite Orders

August 7 – **SES S.A.** announced that it selected **Thales Alenia Space** to build the **SES-22** and **SES-23** replacement C-band digital broadcast satellites, based on the **Spacebus 4000 B2** platform, and **Boeing Satellite Systems, Inc.** to build four **O3b mPower** satellites, adding to seven it previously ordered.

August 18 – **ARABSAT** announced that it selected **Airbus Defence and Space SAS** (Airbus) to manufacture the **BADR-8** satellite, based on the **Eurostar Neo** platform.

August 27 – **Al Yah Satellite Communications Company PJSC** announced that it selected Airbus to manufacture the **Thuraya 4-NGS** L-band satellite, based on the Eurostar Neo platform.

August Launch Services Orders

August 3 – **Swarm Technologies, Inc.** contracted with **Exolaunch GmbH** to include 24 **SpaceBee** satellites on a **Falcon 9** smallsat rideshare mission scheduled for December.

August 5 – **SES S.A.** announced that it selected **Space Exploration Technologies Corp.** (SpaceX) and **United Launch Alliance** (ULA), each to launch two stacked replacement C-band satellites in 2022 using **Falcon 9** and **Atlas V** launch vehicles respectively.

August 7 – The **U.S. Space Force** announced that it awarded **National Security Space Launch** service contracts to each of ULA and SpaceX, covering orders from FY2020 through FY2024, with orders divided between the companies roughly 60:40 and the first missions scheduled for FY2022.

August 18 – **Kepler Communications Inc.** contracted with **Exolaunch GmbH** to launch two cubesats on a Russian **Soyuz** mission scheduled for September of this year.

August 20 – **SES S.A.** announced that it selected SpaceX's **Falcon 9** to launch the four additional **O3b mPower** satellites that it ordered from **Boeing Satellite Systems, Inc.**

August 25 – **OHB Cosmos International Launch Service GmbH** contracted with **Rocket Lab Ltd.** for the launch of a customer satellite on a dedicated **Electron** mission in 2021.

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