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Commercial success for ANYWAVES, as they join Airbus on Loft Orbital's satellite order

In early January, Airbus Defence and Space announced that it had been selected by the Franco-American start-up Loft Orbital to supply more than 15 satellite platforms, a contract that, according to French Minister of the Economy Bruno Le Maire, «demonstrates the vibrancy of New Space start-ups in France and the synergies throughout the space ecosystem when it comes to innovation on an industrial scale.»

ANYWAVES has signed a contract to supply antennas that will equip the platforms in question. Thus, it is now part of the synergy highlighted by the Minister, confirming its position as an antenna supplier for satellite constellations.



Loft Orbital's Longbow* based on Airbus's Arrow platform - copyright Airbus

After initial collaborations with the two actors of the project, **ANYWAVES has been selected by Airbus Defence and Space to supply more than 70 products** for the satellites to be deployed by Loft Orbital.

For Nicolas CAPET, CEO of ANYWAVES, «*this order is excellent news. Beyond the major business gain, it allows us, after just five years of existence, to consolidate our strategic positioning. ANYWAVES is targeting the satellite constellation market, and we are right here in this exact situation. Furthermore, this is a perfect illustration of what constitutes the space of tomorrow: a collaboration between traditional players and new comers at the service of a dynamic and innovative industry.*»

François GAULLIER, Airbus' Director of Telecommunications Systems, comments: *«We are already familiar with ANYWAVES and its antennas. Firstly because we signed a five-year framework contract together in the summer of 2021, and secondly because their telemetry, tracking and control antennas are precisely those that will equip our CO3D constellation. Retaining this equipment manufacturer again as part of the contract we signed with Loft Orbital is the mark of a fruitful collaboration. This is fully in line with our «Next Space» strategy, through which we will further engage with new players in the space ecosystem.»*

For Loft Orbital, ANYWAVES is also a partner of choice, as the two New Space players have already collaborated in the past. Thus, Gautier BRUNET is delighted with this selection: *«Shortly after our installation in France, we were already announcing our intention to deploy satellites and as such integrate ANYWAVES' products. Their S-band antennas are now flying on Yam-3 and we are delighted to know that they will be flying for us again in the near future.»*

After having successfully weathered the disruptions caused by the health crisis, ANYWAVES is stepping on the gas on its business development, which is illustrated by the signing of this contract in the first half of 2022.

To support its ambitions, ANYWAVES is continuing to invest in the development of its new products, its industrial resources and its sales and marketing teams. Several recruitments are planned in the coming months to continue its leadership in the satellite constellation antenna market.

About ANYWAVES

ANYWAVES develops revolutionary antennas for the satellite constellations market.

Based on a breakthrough technology and an expert team, ANYWAVES designs and manufactures according to space standards a new generation of high quality antennas, on demand or off-the-shelf.

Unique European « pure player » antenna equipment manufacturer, ANYWAVES is EN 9100 certified and has sold more than 150 products since its inception in 2017.

Based in Toulouse (France), the European Space capital, the company aims to become the leader of antennas for satellite constellations.

About Airbus Defence and Space

Airbus Defence and Space, one of the two divisions of Airbus, is the European leader in the space and defence industry. It is one of the world's leading companies in the space industry and one of the world's top ten defence companies. It has a turnover of more than 10 billion euros and a workforce of some 33,000 employees. The Executive director is Michael Schöllhorn.

About Loft Orbital

Loft Orbital is the pioneer in providing Space Infrastructure as a Service. Loft mission is to be the fastest, simplest, and most reliable path to orbit for any payload. The company flies customer payloads onboard quarterly scheduled satellite missions, and handles the entire mission as a service. Loft customers can thus focus on what matters most to them: their payload and the data it collects. To make it possible, Loft Orbital has developed the software and hardware products that make Loft satellite missions truly plug and play, eliminating years of complex design and engineering. With qualified, commodity satellite buses procured in advance and available off-the-shelf, Loft delivers payloads to orbit in months not years. The company has already two satellites in orbit since June 2021, and has contracted more than 20 satellites to be flown by 2025.

* The Longbow satellite - Airbus' Arrow platform improved to support high performance, multi-payload missions - is Loft Orbital's key product to accelerate and simplify how space projects are deployed and managed at scale.

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