

Hon Stuart Nash
Minister for Economic and Regional Development
Parliament Buildings
Wellington 6160
New Zealand

DG/507

Paris, 17 December 2021

Subject: Extension of the Arrangement between the Government of New Zealand and the European Space Agency on the setting up and use of telemetry and tracking facilities for the purpose of the Agency's launcher programmes and activities

Dear Minister,

I have the honour to refer to the Arrangement between the Government of New Zealand and the European Space Agency on the setting up and use of telemetry and tracking facilities for the purpose of the Agency's launcher programmes and activities signed on 29 March 2007 in Paris (hereinafter referred to as "the Arrangement"), and first extended for five years, until 31 December 2021.

Pursuant to paragraphs 4.1 and 4.2. of the Arrangement, the Participants may amend the Arrangement, including to extend the duration of the Arrangement by an exchange of letters.

Having regard to the positive results derived from the implementation of the Arrangement so far and the fruitful cooperation between us I have the honour to suggest to you the following understandings:

1. the Arrangement will be extended for an additional five years until the end of 31 December 2026; and
2. throughout the Arrangement, the words "Venture Southland" will be replaced by "Space Operations New Zealand Ltd".

If the arrangements set out above are acceptable to you, I would like to kindly ask you to confirm your position in writing. This letter and your letter in reply will place on record our understanding on this matter which will enter into effect on 1 January 2022.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for our cooperation until now and assure you of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Aschbacher', is positioned above the printed name. The signature is stylized with a large 'A' and 'M'.

Josef Aschbacher