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Notice of Launch of Seven GRUS-3 Earth Observation Microsatellites, No Earlier Than July 2026

We hereby announce that our consolidated subsidiary, Axelspace Corporation ("Axelspace") is pleased to announce that GRUS-3, a set of seven next-generation Earth observation microsatellites, is scheduled to be launched no earlier than July 2026.

"GRUS" is a 100 kg-class optical microsatellite designed for Earth observation purposes and was developed to support the provision of Axelspace's Earth observation data service, "AxelGlobe." Following the launch of the first satellite in December 2018 and four additional satellites in March 2021, the Company currently operates a constellation* of five "GRUS-1" microsatellites.

The "GRUS-3" microsatellite, scheduled for launch after July 2026, is equipped with a telescope manufactured by NIKON CORPORATION, one of Japan's leading camera manufacturers. By enabling high-frequency, wide-area observation, GRUS-3 is expected to address demand across a broad range of fields, including precision agriculture, forest monitoring, mapping, environmental monitoring, finance, and real estate, thereby promoting the utilization of Earth observation data.

The seven GRUS-3 microsatellites will launch aboard the Transporter-17 rideshare mission via Exolaunch, a global leader in launch mission management, satellite integration, and deployment services, from Vandenberg Space Force Base in California, USA. This will expand the company's microsatellite constellation to include more than ten satellites.

Note:
* A system in which multiple small satellites are deployed in low Earth orbit (approximately 200 to 2,000 kilometers above the Earth) and operate in coordination with one another.

For further details regarding this project, please refer to the press release and our article in "note" issued today.

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https://www.axelspace.com/news/grus-3_launch/

Axelspace to Equip Seven GRUS-3 Earth Observation Microsatellites with Nikon Telescopes
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As part of preparations for the launch of "GRUS-3," interviews with employees involved in its manufacturing and development are featured.
Axelspace note: "A Flock of Cranes Taking Flight from Japan | What is GRUS-3?"
https://note.com/axelspace/n/n944c3bccb7a7