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NON-TRADITIONAL COMMERCIAL SPACE ACTIVITIES

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Window for Action

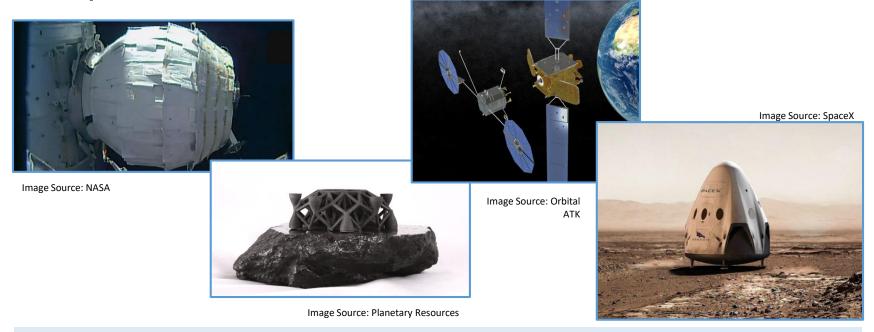
- Business plans and economic returns will be affected by policy and legal regimes relating to the commercialization of off-Earth resources
- Both governments and private enterprise are facing a condition of uncertainty - risk - in defining space resources activities
- There is interest in working jointly to reduce that uncertainty to define market conditions and respect international obligations
- Coordination of national and international law will help states establish the conditions under which socio-economic benefit could result from space resources development





"Non-traditional" Space Applications

Rapid expansion in the number & types of commercial space applications is challenging existing policy context for space activities



Policy and regulation must be developed to support these activities...and others





Moving Towards Implementation

- Increasing focus on "authorization and supervision" aspects
- Further domestic law and policy action
 - Japan
 - Luxembourg
 - UAE
 - US
- Further policy definition of impact, benefit, and use case









Regulatory Context For New Applications

- Space traffic management
- Regulatory authority & process
- Licensing efficiency
- Smallsats & cubesats
- New actors & best practices

The Hague Space Resources Governance Working Group

 Multilateral, effort to define policy and legal "building blocks"

In December SWF will publish the Handbook for New Actors in Space

 Overview of fundamental principles, laws, norms, and best practices for safe, predictable, and responsible activities in space





Thank you.



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