



Rocket Lab Successfully Launches Second Mission for iQPS in Rapid 25 Day Turnaround

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MAHIA, New Zealand--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jun. 11, 2025-- Rocket Lab Corporation (Nasdaq: RKLB) ("Rocket Lab" or "the Company"), a global leader in launch services and space systems, today successfully launched its 66th Electron to deploy the latest satellite to orbit for Institute for Q-shu Pioneers of Space, Inc. (iQPS) – Rocket Lab's second launch in less than a month for iQPS and its fourth overall with 100% mission success.

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Successful lift-off of Rocket Lab's 66th Electron launch.

Japanese god of mountains) to a 575km circular Earth orbit for iQPS. The mission is the latest in a series of dedicated Electron launches for iQPS to develop its Earth-imaging constellation providing high resolution images and Earth monitoring services globally.

'The Mountain God Guards' mission lifted-off from Rocket Lab Launch Complex 1 in Mahia, New Zealand at 15:31 UTC on June 11th to deploy a single synthetic aperture radar (SAR) imaging satellite named QPS-SAR-11 (nicknamed YAMATSUMI-I for the

With this mission, Electron has now deployed half of iQPS's constellation of satellites operating on orbit. These include the ' [The Moon God Awakens](#)' that was successfully launched in December 2023; and ' [The Lightning God Reigns](#)', ' [The Sea God Sees](#)', and now 'The Mountain God Guards', each deployed in the first half of 2025. Another four dedicated missions with QPS-SAR satellites are scheduled to launch on Electron across the remainder of this year and 2026, making Rocket Lab the most relied-upon launch provider to accelerate the build out of iQPS's constellation with repeatability and precision.

Rocket Lab Founder and CEO, Sir Peter Beck, says: "The Electron team has delivered another flawless launch and satellite deployment for iQPS, for the second time in 25 days – an outstanding display of the reliability and agility that makes Electron the leader in dedicated small launch. The rapid turnaround in launches and precise orbital deployment achieved for this latest iQPS mission is also a fantastic example of the benefits of dedicated launch for constellation deployment on Electron. We're looking forward to delivering on this again and again for the line-up of Electron launches this year and next in our multi-launch contract with iQPS.

iQPS CEO, Dr. Shunsuke Onishi, says: "Following the successful launch of our 10th satellite, we are deeply grateful to Rocket Lab team for the smooth deployment of QPS-SAR-11 YAMATSUMI-I into orbit. This achievement is entirely thanks to the Rocket Lab team's ability to deliver precise and agile launches. We are truly pleased to see our satellites being placed into orbit one after another, marking significant progress toward building our satellite constellation. With three more launches planned this year, we will continue to work closely with our partner companies to steadily advance the development and production of our satellites."

"The Mountain God Guards" was Rocket Lab's eighth Electron mission of 2025 and its 66th launch overall. Rocket Lab's next Electron mission is scheduled to launch from Rocket Lab Launch Complex 1 in just a few days' time.

Launch images: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/rocketlab/albums/72177720326782701>

Launch webcast: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PplSn4YNbz0>

About Rocket Lab

Founded in 2006, Rocket Lab is an end-to-end space company with an established track record of mission success. We deliver reliable launch services, satellite manufacture, spacecraft components, and on-orbit management solutions that make it faster, easier, and more affordable to access space. Headquartered in Long Beach, California, Rocket Lab designs and manufactures the Electron small orbital launch vehicle, a family of spacecraft platforms, and the Company is developing the large Neutron launch vehicle for constellation deployment. Since its first orbital launch in January 2018, Rocket Lab's Electron launch vehicle has become the second most frequently launched U.S. rocket annually and has delivered over 200 satellites to orbit for private and public sector organizations, enabling operations in national security, scientific research, space debris mitigation, Earth observation, climate monitoring, and communications. Rocket Lab's spacecraft platforms have been selected to support NASA missions to the Moon and Mars, as well as the first private commercial mission to Venus. Rocket Lab has three launch pads at two launch sites, including two launch pads at a private orbital launch site located in New Zealand and a third launch pad in Virginia.

Forward Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. We intend such forward-looking statements to be covered by the safe harbor provisions for forward looking statements contained in Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). All statements contained in this press release other than statements of historical fact, including, without limitation, statements regarding our launch and space systems operations, launch schedule and window, safe and repeatable access to space, Neutron development, operational expansion and business strategy are forward-looking statements. The words "believe," "may," "will," "estimate," "potential," "continue," "anticipate," "intend," "expect," "strategy," "future," "could," "would," "project," "plan," "target," and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, though not all forward-looking statements use these words or expressions. These statements are neither promises nor guarantees, but involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other important factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements, including but not limited to the factors, risks and uncertainties included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, as such factors may be updated from time to time in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), accessible on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov and the Investor Relations section of our website at www.rocketlabusa.com, which could cause our actual results to differ materially from those indicated by the forward-looking statements made in this press release. Any such forward-looking statements represent management's estimates as of the date of this press release. While we may elect to update such forward-looking statements at some point in the future, we disclaim any obligation to do so, even if subsequent events cause our views to change.

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