Rocket Lab and Raytheon Selected To Demonstrate Advanced Capabilities For U.S. Space Force's Space Based Interceptor Program

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LONG BEACH, Calif., May 07, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Rocket Lab Corporation (Nasdaq: RKLB), a leading launch and space systems company, today announced that in partnership with Raytheon it has been selected to demonstrate advanced capabilities for the United States Space Force's Space Based Interceptor program. The program is an important step in strengthening national missile defense capabilities.

"Next-generation missile defense, including the ability to counter hypersonic threats, is a national security priority – one that the joint Rocket Lab and Raytheon team stands ready to deliver on," said Brad Clevenger, President of Rocket Lab USA. "Rocket Lab is already a trusted mission partner for national security and defense programs across our launch and space systems portfolios, and we're proud to add the Space Based Interceptor program to that growing list. A threat as real and rapid as hypersonic and maneuverable missiles demands proven technology and a proven team that executes mission after mission, which is exactly what we're bringing to this program."

Together, Raytheon and Rocket Lab are contributing proven expertise to advance the development of effective solutions for this urgent security need. Raytheon and Rocket Lab stand ready to deliver.

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+ About Rocket Lab
Rocket Lab is a leading space company that provides launch services, spacecraft, payloads, and satellite components serving commercial, government, and national security markets. Rocket Lab's Electron rocket is the world's most frequently launched orbital small rocket; its HASTE rocket provides hypersonic test launch capability for the U.S. government and allied nations; and its Neutron launch vehicle in development will unlock medium launch for constellation deployment, national security and exploration missions. Rocket Lab's spacecraft and satellite components have enabled more than 1,700 missions spanning commercial, defense and national security missions including GPS, constellations, and exploration missions to the Moon, Mars, and Venus. Rocket Lab is a publicly listed company on the Nasdaq stock exchange (RKLB). Learn more at www.rocketlabcorp.com.

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