Rocket Lab To Launch Milestone 100th Electron Rocket This Week

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LONG BEACH, Calif., Nov. 12, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Rocket Lab Corporation (Nasdaq: RKLB), a global leader in launch services and space systems, today announced that its 100th Electron rocket is scheduled for launch at the end of this week. The launch will be a historic moment for the the global space industry, setting a new record for reaching 100 launches faster than any other commercially developed launch vehicle.

The mission, named “The Mountain God Rises”, is scheduled for lift off from Rocket Lab Launch Complex 1 in Mahia, New Zealand, to deploy a single Earth-imaging satellite to orbit for Japanese company the Institute for Q-shu Pioneers of Space, Inc. (iQPS).

Lift-off is currently scheduled for November 14 at 6:30 p.m. New Zealand Daylight Time. The mission will be broadcast live at www.youtube.com/@RocketLabCorp with coverage beginning at around 5:30 pm NZDT.

Since its first launch in 2017, Electron has become one of the world’s most frequently launched rockets and has redefined access to space for small satellites. Electron has achieved a string of world-firsts and industry-leading achievements along the way including:

- The first carbon composite orbital launch vehicle.
- Powered by the first 3D-printed orbital rocket engine, Rutherford, which is also the first rocket engine to use electric fuel pumps instead of traditional gas turbines.
- Launched from two hemispheres. Rocket Lab operates launch pads in Virginia, USA, as well as New Zealand, where the company built the world’s first private orbital launch complex.
- Achieved a new responsive space record earlier this year when Electron was launched with just 16 hours and 42 minutes notice for the U.S. Space Force.
- On track to be the world’s first commercial small-lift orbital rocket to reach 100 launches.

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Interviews available on request as schedules allow.

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