

**PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT NO. 5**  
**(to Prospectus dated May 4, 2022)**

# Rocket Lab USA, Inc.

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This prospectus supplement is being filed to update and supplement the information contained in the prospectus dated May 4, 2022 (as supplemented or amended from time to time, the “Prospectus”), which forms a part of our Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration Nos. 333-259797 and 333-257440). This prospectus supplement is being filed to update and supplement the information included or incorporated by reference in the Prospectus with the information contained in our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on October 28, 2022 (the “Form 8-K”). Accordingly, we have attached the Form 8-K to this prospectus supplement.

This prospectus supplement updates and supplements the information in the Prospectus and is not complete without, and may not be delivered or utilized except in combination with, the Prospectus, including any amendments or supplements thereto. This prospectus supplement should be read in conjunction with the Prospectus and if there is any inconsistency between the information in the Prospectus and this prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement.

Our common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol “**RKLB**”. On October 27, 2022, the last reported sales price of our common stock was \$4.79 per share.

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**We are an “emerging growth company” as defined in Section 2(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and, as such, have elected to comply with certain reduced disclosure and regulatory requirements.**

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**Investing in our securities involves risks. See the section entitled “Risk Factors” beginning on page 8 of the Prospectus.**

**Neither the SEC nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of the securities to be issued or sold under the Prospectus or determined if the Prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

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**The date of this prospectus supplement is October 28, 2022**

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 25, 2022**

**ROCKET LAB USA, INC.**

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-39560**  
(Commission File Number)

**98-1550340**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**3881 McGowen Street**  
**Long Beach, California**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**90808**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: 714 465-5737**

**Not Applicable**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:**

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share	RKLB	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company ☒

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(b) On October 25, 2022, in a move to accelerate the development of the Neutron launch vehicle, Shaun O'Donnell assumed a new position within Rocket Lab USA, Inc. (the "Company"). Mr. O'Donnell moved from Executive Vice President, Global Operations to serve as the Company's Chief Engineer, Special Programs, where he will focus on Neutron launch vehicle development and other significant technical projects within the Company. As a result of his new role, Mr. O'Donnell no longer serves as an executive officer of the Company.

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## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**ROCKET LAB USA, INC.**

Date: October 28, 2022

By: /s/ Arjun Kampani  
Arjun Kampani  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary

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