

Commercial Lunar Missions Support Services (CLMSS)

United Nations/Jordan Workshop: Global Partnership in Space Exploration and Innovation 25-28 March 2019

Jonathan Friend, Gary Lay, Charles Cranstoun, Nelly Offord-Harlé
Surrey Satellite Technology Ltd
Matthew Cosby, Chris Saunders
Goonhilly Earth Station Ltd
Bernhard Hufenbach
European Space Agency

Introduction

Surrey Satellite Technology Ltd (SSTL) and Goonhilly Earth Station Ltd (GES), in partnership with the European Space Agency (ESA) are developing the Commercial Lunar Missions Support Services (CLMSS)

- The programme will provide service infrastructure for lunar missions, covering:
 - Communication
 - Navigations
 - Operations
 - Transportation
- CLMSS will underpin lunar exploration and help to build the lunar value chain by:
 - Reducing the cost/enhance the utility of lunar missions
 - Reduce the complexity of operating a spacecraft around the Moon
 - Simplify the transportation of payloads to the Moon
 - Expand mission possibilities with Polar and Far-side coverage
- An inclusive service structure
 - Supports a range of governments, industry & academia mission objectives
 - Provides opportunities for emerging space nations to be active in lunar exploration
 - New International partnership & commercial alliance opportunities
 - International standards for communications to enable cross support
 - New opportunities for education & public engagement

Market Overview

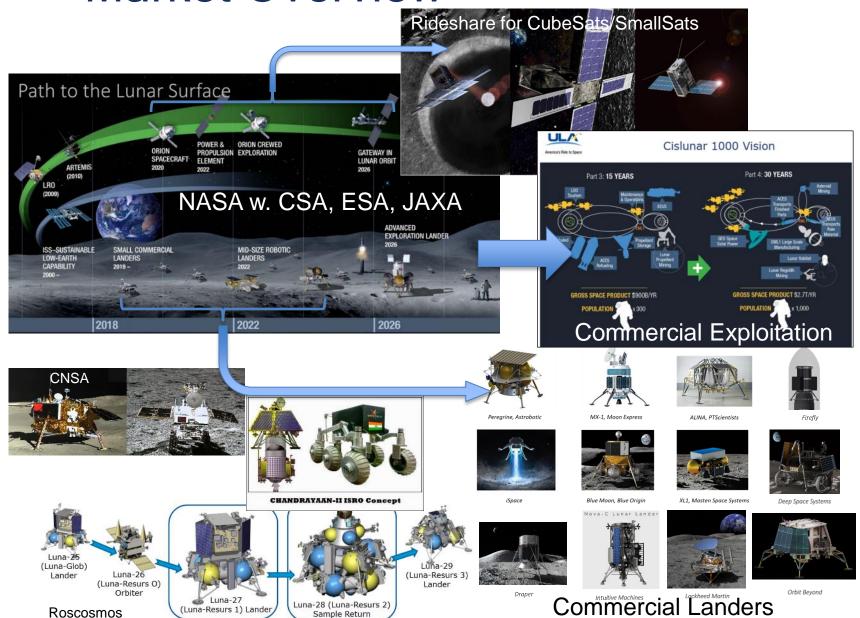
Renewed interest in lunar exploration has been invigorated by:

- Google Lunar X-Prize
- NASA CATALYST
- **NASA CLPS**
- **Lunar Gateway**
- China's Chang'e missions
- Other national programmes

Potential commercialisation through In-Situ Resource Utilisation (ISRU)

- Resources detected by missions such as:
 - **NASA Lunar** Reconnaissance Orbiter
 - ISRO Chandrayaan-1
- Numerous missions studied to extract:
 - Hydrogen and oxygen for rocket fuel and life support
 - Metals and semiconductors for manufacturing on the lunar surface

Roscosmos



Commercial Partnership for Exploration

Commercial approach leveraging expertise from all partners













Space Segment

Provision of Space Segment Data relay and navigation orbiter

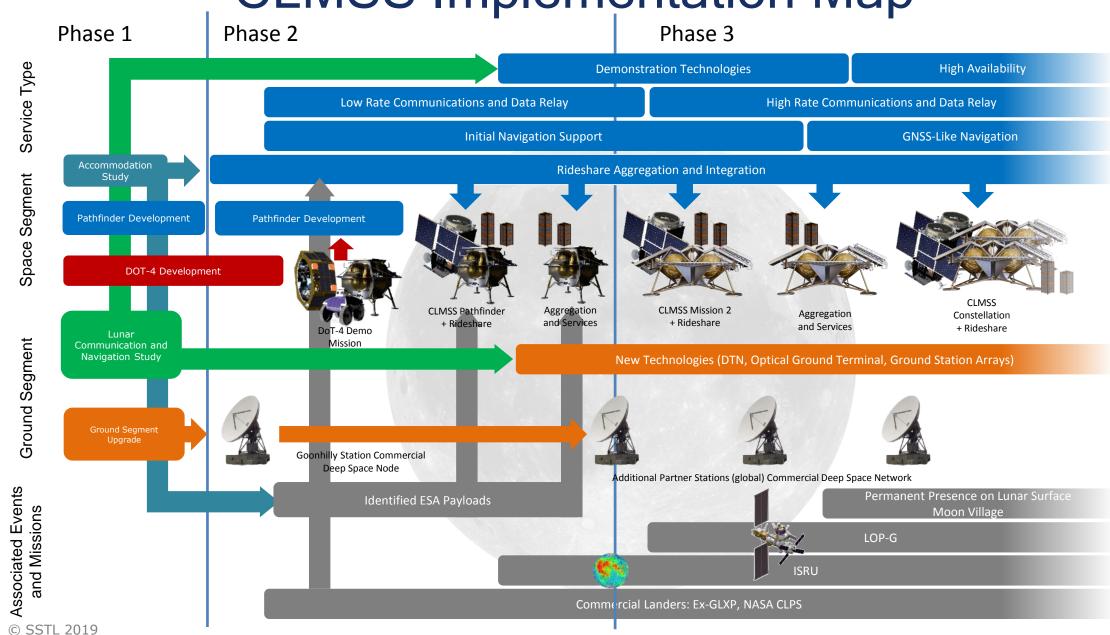
Ground Segment

S & X-band Deep Space Antenna Mission operations center

Enabling Partner

Extending ground segment capability Enabling deep space service

CLMSS Implementation Map



Phase 1: Space & Ground Segment Development



GES

- Received funding from UK Local Government, industry and private investment
- Ground segment upgrade implementation to provide S and X-band Near-Earth/Deep Space capacity for Europe
- Cross-link support for the ESA ESTRACK network

SSTL

- Maturing the Space segment for Phase 2 & jointly promote the services with GES
- Implementation of ESA studies for payload accommodation (Phase 2 opportunities for Europe) and ISRU communication support





DoT-4 Mission



UK-Canadian industry-led mission

- Canadian Lunar Rover (Canadensys)
- UK Comms Relay (Surrey Satellites)
- Deep Space Network (Goonhilly)
- US 2021 Commercial Rideshare (Astrobotic)
- Unique Canada & UK STEM activity involving rover operations and outreach

Mission objectives DoT-4

- Demonstration of low cost technologies and commercial approach beyond LEO
- Demonstration of communications relay capability
- De-risk elements of the communications architecture and spacecraft operations
- STEM opportunity with orbiter and rover

Phase 2: Lunar Services Pathfinder

 Pathfinder Mission to provide a full suite of services:

Transport of payload to lunar orbit/surface through commercial lander aggregation

Supporting procurement and integrations to the rideshare with commercial landers

Payload hosting opportunities

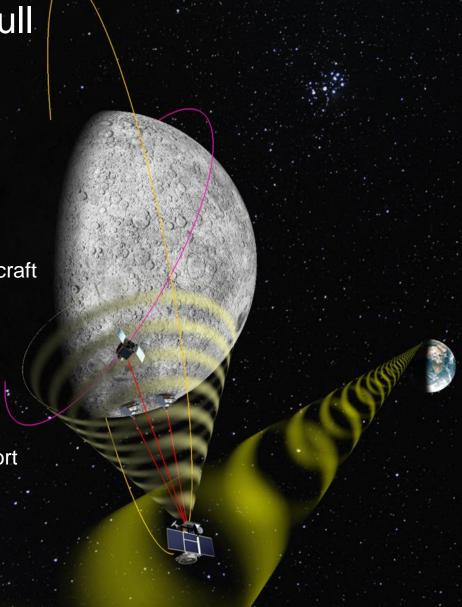
Experiments remaining on the Pathfinder spacecraft

Communications relay services

Store and forward service providing operational flexibility

- Frequent accesses to lunar assets
- UHF and S-Band services Moon links
- Uses international standard to allow cross support
- Initial Navigation support
- Application Programming Interface (API)
 - Simplified user operations interface

SSTL 2019 - Low missions control setup cost



Phase 3: Mission Support Services

- Constellation of spacecraft provides enhanced coverage and services
 - Greater mission assurance through the use of multiple assets reduces the need for Direct-To-Earth links
 - Enhanced coverage, point-to-point assets & cross-linking between spacecraft for added capacity
 - New Technologies (e.g. optical terminals) to increase data rates with users and backhaul capacity to Earth
 - Interaction with the LOP-G
 - Potential to provide extended services for non-"life critical" operations
 - Enhanced navigation services will aid:
 - Mission planning
 - Landing safety and accuracy
 - Increased autonomy
 - Additional commercial deep space ground assets for full 24/7 Earth link availability





Thank You!

© Surrey Satellite Technology Ltd

Tycho House, 20 Stephenson Road, Surrey Research Park, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 7YE, United Kingdom Tel: +44(0)1483803803 | Fax: +44(0)1483803804 | Email: info@sstl.co.uk | Web: www.sstl.co.uk