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ROCKETPLANE KISTLER COMPLETES NASA-COTS MILESTONE AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

Oklahoma City, OK, February 13, 2007 – Rocketplane Kistler (RpK) announced today that it successfully completed a Systems Requirement Review (SRR) February 6th, three weeks ahead of the schedule defined in the Space Act Agreement (SAA) with NASA for the Commercial Orbital Transportation Services (COTS) program.

RpK demonstrated a high level of technical maturity with both the first stage vehicle, the Launch Assist Platform (LAP), and second stage Orbital Vehicle (OV) nearing CDR phase. Design, development, and manufacture of the dedicated ISS cargo modules are also proceeding on schedule. RpK has established itself as a key player in the Commercial Space Industry, and the on-time achievements of programmatic milestones are highly visible validations of NASA's selection of RpK.

Randy Brinkley, President of RpK, said, "This NASA partnership and teaming effort with RpK will enable an exceedingly reliable and affordable space transportation system. The demonstrated technical and programmatic progress demonstrated at the SRR is the result of the highly experienced and professional management and program team leadership, as well as the exceptional support of an experienced and very dedicated subcontractor team." The subcontractor teammates include: Aerojet, Andrews Space, ATA, ATK, Automated Controlled Environments Inc., Draper, Honeywell, Irvin, Leighton, Lockheed Martin, MacDonald Dettwiler & Associates, Northrop Grumman Corporation, Oceaneering, Odyssey, Orbitec, Paragon, and Reynolds, Smith & Hills.

RpK's COTS Program Manager, Joe Cuzzupoli, noted, "NASA is leveraging the power of innovation to enable a viable commercial enterprise in space, by providing seed money that private industry can compete for. The demands today are for more efficient, more affordable access to space. COTS is an investment intended to spur innovation through competition."

RpK is well positioned for the funded ISS re-supply service contract and to execute the SAA-funded option for ISS crew transportation valued at \$200M. The NASA COTS program will also enable other commercial orbital customers to benefit from this reliable, dependable, low cost space access system.

Rocketplane Kistler and its K-1 space transportation system were awarded one of two Space Act Agreements under the NASA COTS program. RpK will employ its fully reusable K-1 to provide cost-effective and reliable delivery and return of cargo and science payloads to and from the International Space Station. The K-1 is in an advanced stage of development and will be capable of providing end-to-end ISS servicing beginning in early 2009.

About Rocketplane Kistler

Rocketplane Kistler (RpK) brings together two industry-leading makers and future operators of the next-generation orbital and suborbital space transportation vehicles. RpK was formed when Kistler Aerospace Corporation and Rocketplane Limited, Inc. were brought under common ownership. RpK markets the services of the fully reusable, two-stage Kistler K-1 orbital launch vehicle and the fully reusable, suborbital Rocketplane® XP Spaceplane, both of which will be first to fly in their respective markets. For more information, please visit the website: www.rocketplane.com.

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