



PERMITTING DECISION SUMMARY

Global 9-13 (variation to current payload permit #200161)

BlackSky Global LLC

1. BlackSky Global LLC is a U.S. company providing a commercial global Earth observation service.
2. BlackSky Global applied to vary their current payload permit (200161-PPT) to increase the quantity of satellites covered by the permit from five to eleven. The 'Global' payloads are 56kg microsattellites, planned for BlackSky's Earth-observing constellation. The payloads will each contain a telescope capable of collecting imagery of the Earth.
3. The purpose of the constellation is to provide real-time, cost effective and easily accessible imagery to BlackSky's customers via its commercial data platform.
4. Payloads are permitted in line with the [Outer Space and High-altitude Activities Act 2017](#) (OSHAA) and the [Outer Space and High-altitude Activities \(Licences and Permits\) Regulations 2017](#).
 - a. Each payload has been approved by the Minister for Economic Development, on advice from officials across agencies. When approving payloads, the Minister needs to be satisfied that:
 - b. The applicant has taken and will continue to take all reasonable steps to safely manage the operation of the payload;
 - c. The proposed operation of the payload is consistent with New Zealand's international obligations; and
 - d. The applicant has an orbital debris mitigation plan that meets prescribed requirements.
 - e. Despite being satisfied of these matters, the Minister may nevertheless decline a permit if he is not satisfied that the proposed operation of the payload is in New Zealand's national interest.

Date Granted	Date Varied	Authorisation Number	Payload Name	Owner or Operator	Country of Origin
24 February 2021	5 July 2021	200161-PPT	Global 9-13	BlackSky Global LLC	United States