



PERMITTING DECISION SUMMARY

SD-2, SD-3, and SD-4

StardustMe Ltd.

1. StardustMe is a New Zealand start-up company that has designed and developed technology to make use of available space in launch vehicles by flying token amounts of cremated human remains to enable customers to honour loved ones.
2. Each payload will be hosted inside a commercial satellite carrier, along with other customer payloads. Each payload will remain secured to the inside of the satellite carrier and will not be released into orbit.
3. None of the payloads have the capability to perform any operational functions while on orbit and do not produce any data.
4. Payloads are permitted in line with the [Outer Space and High-altitude Activities Act 2017](#) and the [Outer Space and High-altitude Activities \(Licences and Permits\) Regulations 2017](#).
5. 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:
 - a. The applicant has taken and will continue to take all reasonable steps to safely manage the operation of the payload;
 - b. The proposed operation of the payload is consistent with New Zealand's international obligations; and
 - c. The applicant has an orbital debris mitigation plan that meets prescribed requirements.
 - d. 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	Authorisation Number	Payload Name	Owner or Operator	Country of Origin
19 June 2023	A230230-PPT	SD-2, SD-3, and SD-4	StardustMe Ltd.	New Zealand