



PERMITTING DECISION SUMMARY

SD-5 to SD-29

StardustMe Limited

1. StardustMe Limited is a New Zealand start-up company that has designed and developed technology to make use of available space in launch vehicles to allow for capsules (“tokens”) containing cremated human remains (“cremains”) to be taken into space.
2. SD-5 through to SD-29 are cremains capsules that will be affixed permanently to satellite carriers with no capabilities to perform any operational functions.
3. 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](#).
4. 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
22 September 2024	240444-PPT	SD-5 to SD-29	StardustMe Limited	New Zealand