

20 Years of Proton Commercialization

ILS and Khrunichev:

Customers from within the global satellite community share their thoughts on the ILS-Khrunichev partnership:



SES

“SES was the first commercial operator to use the Proton launch vehicle in April 1996 for Astra 1F. We look back with many happy memories as we worked side by side with ILS and Khrunichev to successfully launch that historic mission and build a great working relationship. 17 years and 22 launches later ILS and Khrunichev are still a choice partner for SES, having just launched SES-6 in early June of 2013 and preparing for the launch of Astra 2E in July. We wish them continued success in the industry.”

— Martin Halliwell, CTO, SES

Intelsat

“The partnership between ILS and Khrunichev has been an important one, not only for Intelsat, but for the entire satellite community. With U.S.-based customer support and engineering teams, state-of-the-art launch facilities and the advanced Proton rocket, ILS and Khrunichev have played a vital role in our industry's success. As the world's leading satellite operator, we appreciate the contributions of ILS and Khrunichev to Intelsat's success and look forward to many more successful missions together.”

— Dave McGlade, Chairman and CEO, Intelsat

Inmarsat

“On behalf of Inmarsat, I offer my sincerest congratulations to ILS and Khrunichev on their 20-year anniversary in bringing Proton to the commercial satellite industry. Inmarsat has launched 2 satellites on Proton and has contracted ILS for 3 upcoming launches of our Global Xpress satellite series. Our goal is to remain the leading mobile satellite services operator and we believe the ILS-Khrunichev partnership will ensure our future business plans are met.”

— Rupert Pearce, CEO, Inmarsat

Sirius XM Radio

“The Sirius XM relationship with ILS and Khrunichev dates back to 1998 when we selected Proton to launch Sirius FM 1/2/3. We chose Proton for several reasons, including the ability to launch all three satellites in six months, affordably and reliably. The trust we placed in the newly developed ILS and Khrunichev partnership was great. In fact our very business depended on successful launches. All three missions were carried out in five months, successfully, and Sirius Satellite radio was born. Since then I have been to Baikonur for 3 other launches and I am pleased to say that the ILS-Khrunichev partnership is still an important part of our history, as well as our future with the launch of Sirius FM-6 scheduled for 2013.”

— Robert Briskman, Technical Executive, Sirius XM Radio

ViaSat

“The strategic partnership between ILS and Khrunichev successfully launched ViaSat-1, the world's highest capacity satellite, in 2011. Khrunichev's Proton vehicle coupled with ILS mission management was an excellent choice for our 6700 kg satellite and, having visited the launch site in Baikonur, I can attest to the abilities of ILS and Khrunichev. We offer our sincerest congratulations and best wishes for continued success in the industry.”

— Mark Dankberg, Chairman and CEO, ViaSat

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Hispasat

“Hispasat would like to congratulate ILS and Khrunichev on their 20th anniversary. Having launched Amazonas-1 on Proton in 2004 we believe the venture to be a successful one. ILS and Khrunichev have continued to implement upgrades to their facilities and vehicle, making efforts to accommodate the needs of not only Hispasat but the entire satellite community. We wish them continued successes for the future.”

— Carlos Espinós, CEO, Hispasat

EchoStar Satellite Services

“The ILS-Khrunichev partnership has proven to be a success story in the industry. EchoStar has relied upon the ILS and Khrunichev team for the launch of 5 satellites over the past 15 years and has been pleased with their continued commitment to mission success. We offer our congratulations to them on the occasion of this 20 year anniversary.”

— Anders Johnson, President, EchoStar Satellite Services

AsiaSat

“AsiaSat congratulates ILS and Khrunichev on this milestone 20th anniversary serving the satellite industry. Having provided flawless launch services for our 4 in-orbit satellites, the partnership between ILS and Khrunichev has been instrumental to AsiaSat as we have expanded our business becoming Asia’s premier provider of high quality satellite services. The trust we have placed in the ILS-Khrunichev venture continues as we have contracted for another Proton launch for one of our future satellites, ever-expanding our reach throughout the Asia-Pacific region.”

— William Wade, President & CEO, AsiaSat

DIRECTV

“Since its first launch of a DIRECTV satellite in 2002, ILS together with Khrunichev have played an important role in the vital expansion of DIRECTV’s video services to millions of customers across America. We believe that the venture between ILS and Khrunichev has helped establish our leadership in the delivery of HD services. We look forward to the possibilities that the ILS-Khrunichev partnership will continue to provide and congratulate them on 20 years of service in the satellite industry.”

— Philip J. Goswitz, Senior Vice President, DIRECTV

Yahsat

“Al Yah Satellite Communications Company (Yahsat) congratulates ILS and Khrunichev on the 20th anniversary of their partnership. Our second satellite, Y1B, was successfully launched on Proton in April 2012. Y1B’s successful launch enabled us to commence our groundbreaking broadband service, YabClick, which provides internet access to urban, rural and remote consumers across the Middle East, Africa and Central and South West Asia. Proton’s success in launching Y1B was integral to our business, thus we thank ILS and Khrunichev and wish them future success.”

— Masood M. Sharif Mahmood, Deputy CEO, Yahsat

Telesat

“Telesat has worked side by side with ILS and Khrunichev on 9 Proton launches. Their landmark collaboration has supported the wide-spread success of Telesat enabling us to meet the expanding needs of our customers. We congratulate everyone at ILS and Khrunichev on 20 years together and offer well wishes for a successful future.”

— Dan Goldberg, CEO, Telesat

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