

Swiss Aerospace Company Seeks Collaboration With Russian Space Agency

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A new aerospace company based in Switzerland has expressed interest in collaborating with Russia's space agency on cost-efficient launches of mini-satellites.

The Swiss Space System, or S3, is developing a launch system based on the Airbus A300 plane and a suborbital shuttle to launch satellites weighing up to 250 kilograms for the price of some 10 million Swiss francs (\$11.3 million) or about four times less than current market prices.

"We are very interested in collaborating with Roscosmos because they have many professional experts," S3 CEO and founder Pascal Jaussi said Wednesday.

"They know about our project, and we have had preliminary contacts with Roscosmos representatives," Jaussi said, adding that the company's network of partners and technical

advisers already includes the Bauman Moscow State University of Technology and several Russian space companies.

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