

## **Ball Aerospace Meeting Short Schedule on WorldView**

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Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp. is ahead of schedule to meet an aggressive timetable on the WorldView satellite for delivery to its customer, DigitalGlobe.

Following the successful critical design review (CDR) in June, the optical bench has been delivered and the Ball Aerospace team has completed optical bench vibration tests.

"The successful CDR was an important milestone in the program for making progress on our schedule," said Cary Ludtke, vice president and general manager for commercial space operations. "We have an aggressive timetable that supports satellite integration and instrument delivery by mid-2005. Getting the optical bench through its first environmental test was another important milestone in progressing on our aggressive schedule."

WorldView will implement the Ball Commercial Platform 5000 (BCP 5000) based on the highly successful Ball Commercial Platform 2000 (BCP 2000). Currently six BCP 2000 have been successfully deployed or are in production, including the QuickBird satellite launched in 2001, which also teamed Ball and DigitalGlobe.

Once launched, WorldView will be the world's only half-meter resolution commercial imaging satellite and will provide still higher resolution imaging capability than QuickBird, currently the world's highest resolution commercial Earth imaging satellite in operation.

Ball Corporation is a supplier of high-quality metal and plastic packaging products and innovative packaging solutions to the beverage and food industries. The company also owns Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp., which develops sensors, spacecraft, systems and components for the government and commercial markets. Ball employs 12,600 people worldwide and reported 2003 sales of \$4.9 billion.

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