

Ball Aerospace-built WorldView-2 Satellite Successfully Launched

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The Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp. WorldView-2 remote-sensing satellite designed and built for DigitalGlobe successfully launched today from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., at 11:51 a.m. PDT, on board a Boeing Delta II rocket.

WorldView-2 joins its sister satellites built by Ball Aerospace: WorldView-1 launched in 2007, and QuickBird launched in 2001. The satellite trio is expected to bring unsurpassed agility, capacity, accuracy and spectral diversity to commercial earth imaging.

"The successful launch of WorldView-2 marks a new milestone for the collection of imagery by these highly sophisticated satellites," said President and CEO of Ball Aerospace, David L. Taylor.

WorldView-2 and WorldView-1 are the only commercial satellites integrated with control moment gyroscopes (CMGs). These high-performance CMGs provide acceleration up to 10X that of other attitude control actuators and their agility improve both maneuvering and targeting capability. The CMGs afford both satellites the flexibility to capture more imagery than previously possible.

The Ball Aerospace, Ball Commercial Platform 5000 spacecraft, utilized for both the WorldView-1 and WorldView-2, is designed to handle both next-generation optical and synthetic aperture radar remote sensing payloads. The high-performance BCP 5000 has a design life of more than seven years, and provides a platform with increased power, agility, flexibility, transmission capability and data storage. In addition to manufacture of the satellite bus, Ball Aerospace integrated the WorldView-2 remote sensing instrument provided by ITT and performed all system testing.

DigitalGlobe is a leading provider of commercial high-resolution, world imagery products and services. The launch of WorldView-2 will vastly improve DigitalGlobe's ability to collect and maintain up-to-date imagery in the areas of greatest interest to its clients.

Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp. supports critical missions of important national agencies such as the Department of Defense, NASA, NOAA and other U.S. government and commercial entities. The company develops and manufactures spacecraft, advanced instruments and sensors, components, data exploitation systems and RF solutions for strategic, tactical and scientific applications.

Ball Corporation is a supplier of high-quality metal and plastic packaging for beverage, food and household products customers, and of aerospace and other technologies and services, primarily for the U.S. government. Ball Corporation and its subsidiaries employ more than 14,500 people worldwide and reported 2008 sales of approximately \$7.6 billion.

Forward-Looking Statements

This release contains "forward-looking" statements concerning future events and financial performance. Words such as "expects," "anticipates," "estimates" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Such statements are subject to risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied. The company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Key risks and uncertainties are summarized in filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission,

including Exhibit 99.2 in our Form 10-K, which are available at our Web site and at www.sec.gov. Factors that might affect our packaging segments include fluctuation in product demand and preferences; availability and cost of raw materials; competitive packaging availability, pricing and substitution; changes in climate and weather; crop yields; competitive activity; failure to achieve anticipated productivity improvements or production cost reductions, including our beverage can end project; mandatory deposit or other restrictive packaging laws; changes in major customer or supplier contracts or loss of a major customer or supplier; and changes in foreign exchange rates, tax rates and activities of foreign subsidiaries. Factors that might affect our aerospace segment include: funding, authorization, availability and returns of government and commercial contracts; and delays, extensions and technical uncertainties affecting segment contracts. Factors that might affect the company as a whole include those listed plus: accounting changes; changes in senior management; the current global credit squeeze and its effects on liquidity, credit risk, asset values and the economy; successful or unsuccessful acquisitions, joint ventures or divestitures; integration of recently acquired businesses; regulatory action or laws including tax, environmental, health and workplace safety, including in respect of chemicals or substances used in raw materials or in the manufacturing process; governmental investigations; technological developments and innovations; goodwill impairment; antitrust, patent and other litigation; strikes; labor cost changes; rates of return projected and earned on assets of the company's defined benefit retirement plans; pension changes; reduced cash flow; interest rates affecting our debt; and changes to unaudited results due to statutory audits or other effects.

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