Oxford Space Systems Plans Next Stage of Growth

6th November 2019: Since its founding in 2013, Oxford Space Systems (OSS) has garnered a reputation for innovative design in deployable antennas and structures, earning awards and recognition the world over.

With several examples of its antennas and structures either launched, or shortly to be making their way onto orbit, the company is now entering a new phase of development as it drives towards volume production.

The Board of OSS has decided that it is necessary to bring additional skills into the management team and as part of its growth strategy, Sean Sutcliffe has been appointed CEO, succeeding Mike Lawton.

Sean Sutcliffe is a Chartered Engineer with an Engineering Science degree from Cambridge University. His career has spanned chemical, energy and defence industries with senior leadership roles covering operations, strategy and business development.

Mike Lawton has been central to the success of the company during its formative years. The Board recognises his exceptional contribution during this stage of the company’s development. The intention is that Mike will continue to advise and support the company on a part-time basis during this next stage of development.

Mike Lawton stated: “I have really enjoyed my time at the helm of OSS over the last six years and I’m immensely proud of what the OSS team have achieved. OSS has grown from being the spark of an idea to a recognised industry name with its own custom facility, working on technology of strategic importance to the UK. I look forward to supporting OSS in the next phase of its growth.”

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About Oxford Space Systems

- Oxford Space Systems is a venture capital backed space technology business that is pioneering the development of next-generation deployable antennas and structures for the global space industry. It achieves this by combining new proprietary materials with traditional flight proven materials, and often uses origami design techniques.

- Founded in September 2013 by Mike Lawton and two other colleagues, OSS has successfully completed three rounds of over-subscribed venture capital funding from both UK and US investors.

- OSS has won numerous awards such as the UK’s Best Tech Start-Up 2015 at the British Engineering Excellence Awards as well several international awards. The most recent of these is a regional win of NASA’s iTech Ignite the Night competition in Colorado (April 2019).