



Press Release

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Chinese Vice Premier Ma Kai visits Surrey Satellite Technology Ltd

Vice Premier of the People's Republic of China, His Excellency Ma Kai, visited Surrey Satellite Technology Ltd (SSTL) today Wednesday 9 November, where he was given a VIP tour of the Company's facilities by Executive Chairman, Sir Martin Sweeting. The visit forms part of the Chinese Vice Premier's UK tour, where he is exploring closer strategic and economic partnerships in the UK.

Vice Premier Ma Kai and his Ministers Xiao Yaging and Baikeli Nuer were given a personal tour by Sir Martin, with a visit into SSTL's Assembly, Integration and Test Hall to view some of the 16 spacecraft currently under contract, including an SSTL-300S1 spacecraft identical to the 3 satellites launched in 2015, now operating as a commercial imaging constellation for Beijing-based company, 21AT.

Sir Martin Sweeting commented "I am extremely honoured to welcome the Vice Premier and his delegation to SSTL today. We are proud of our successful links with Chinese institutions and academia over the years, which have culminated in space missions including the DMC3/TripleSat Constellation which launched last year and is now delivering world-class commercial imagery."

The tour concluded with a visit to the Spacecraft Operations Centre, SSTL's control hub designed to securely communicate with orbiting satellites via a number of ground stations located around the world, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

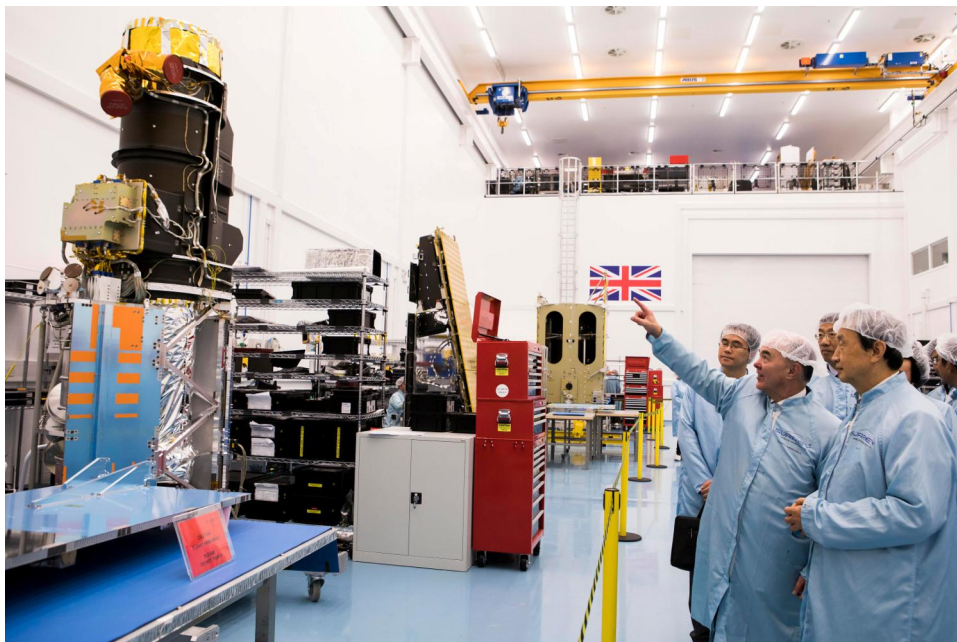
Vice Premier Ma Kai started his day with a visit to the University of Surrey's world-leading 5G Centre and he was accompanied on his visit to SSTL by Professor Max Lu, President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Surrey.

Notes to editor:

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Sir Martin Sweeting welcomes Vice Premier Ma Kai to SSTL



Sir Martin Sweeting with Vice Premier Ma Kai, viewing the SSSL-300S1 spacecraft being assembled, a one metre resolution earth observation satellite.



Sir Martin Sweeting and Vice Premier Ma Kai on a tour of SSTL's facilities in Guildford, UK

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About SSTL

Surrey Satellite Technology Limited (SSTL) is the world's leading small satellite company, delivering operational space missions for a range of applications including Earth observation, science and communications. The Company designs, manufactures and operates high performance satellites and ground systems for a fraction of the price normally associated with space missions, with 500 staff working on turnkey satellite platforms, space-proven satellite subsystems and optical instruments.

Since 1981, SSTL has built and launched 49 satellites for 20 international customers – as well as providing training and development programmes, consultancy services, and mission studies for ESA, NASA, international governments and commercial customers, with an innovative approach that is changing the economics of space.

Headquartered in Guildford, UK, SSTL is part of the Airbus Group.

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