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## **ANNOUNCEMENT ON FEE SCHEDULE MODIFICATIONS FOR USE OF THE TEST FACILITIES AND RELATED SERVICES OF THE CANADIAN SPACE AGENCY'S DAVID FLORIDA LABORATORY**

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On August 19, 2008, the President of the Canadian Space Agency, as authorized through the Government's general authority to contract, approved a modification in the fees charged for use of the test facilities and related services of the Canadian Space Agency's David Florida Laboratory (DFL). These fees were derived using the Treasury Board Guide on Costing and Pricing of Government Services. The new fees will be officially implemented by the DFL on April 1, 2009.

The conditions for the application of the new fees for use of the David Florida Laboratory are as shown below:

- **Effective April 1, 2009, charges for all testing and related services will be based on the new fee schedule.**

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The introduction and setting of fees, as part of the decisions taken during the creation of the DFL, required that the DFL recover the costs of providing services insofar as possible. Further, the creating legislation required that the fees to be charged should be comparable to those charged by other similar foreign space facilities. This initial pricing policy was approved in January 1979 and was subsequently modified in December 1986 and has effectively remained the basis for the calculation of all subsequent fee schedules for use of the services and facilities of the DFL. Outside of an annual increase based on the consumer price index, no fee review or increase has been undertaken since the original pricing policy. As part of the 2004/05 CSA Audit Plan, a comprehensive audit of the DFL was undertaken to "evaluate the adequacy of the key elements of the management framework of the David Florida Laboratory (DFL) Directorate". One of the internal audit recommendations was that a fee schedule review be undertaken with a view to ensuring that the fee schedule continue to be based on the market value of services comparable to those offered by the DFL. As such, DFL fee rates have been adjusted accordingly. For the last several months, DFL has been informing our client base that the fees would be modified to become compliant with the recommendations of the internal audit. The Canadian Space Agency administers the DFL Program to ensure that Canada's space industry continue to have access to a state-of-the-art environmental test facility for the qualification of their flight hardware at rates that are comparable to the market value of such services. Although the fee changes are necessary to fulfil the original authoritative order creating the DFL Program, we will continue to ensure that our facilities and services remain as affordable and accessible as possible to all DFL users.

For additional information related to fee schedule changes or on any other aspect of DFL operations, please feel free to contact either

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