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**FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION**  
**PRESENTATION OF LAUNCH SITE LICENSE FOR THE EAST  
KERN AIRPORT DISTRICT TO OPERATE A LAUNCH SITE AT  
MOJAVE AIRPORT, CALIFORNIA**  
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Stu (Witt, manager of the Mojave Airport Civilian Flight Test Center), this is a proud day for all of us.

On behalf of Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta and FAA Administrator Marion Blakey, I am pleased to formally present to you your license to operate a non-federal launch site at Mojave Airport. Achieving this milestone was no small task – for either my staff or yours. You did an enormous amount of work; I would say your diligence paid off – we finished ahead of schedule. I think by issuing this launch site operator’s license, we have proven that the wheels of COMMERCIAL progress are fully in motion. The FAA is here to facilitate that progress.

As the fifth spaceport licensed by FAA/AST, you will enjoy the regional and economic development that has come to other launch sites in the United States. We look forward to continuing our strong relationship – with a focus on protecting public safety – for many, many years. Welcome to America's First Inland Spaceport!