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16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 Space BD inc.

# Space BD Raises \$1.9million Funding To Be a Comprehensive Services Provider in Low Earth Orbit by Utilization of the International Space Station

Tokyo – April 16<sup>th</sup> 2018 - Space BD, a private space start-up company based in Japan, announced today that it raised \$1.9million\* funding. The financing will be used to develop a robust team of both engineering and business development, to become an integrated service provider in low earth orbit. The funding was provided by Japanese venture capital companies, Incubate Fund and Anniversaire Holdings, and it's a 2<sup>nd</sup> fund raising in 7 months. \*Based on USD/JPY exchange rate on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

Space BD was founded in September 2017 with a mission to contribute to make space industry a sustainable industry to advance the presence of human beings in space. Since its foundation, the company has been offering integrated project management service to provide one-stop solution for the launch campaign to customers. The service includes identifying the right launch opportunity with suitable schedule and orbit, and handling all required interface integration, safety criteria review, transportation and logistics, and contract management.

Furthermore, the company aims to lead the commercialization of low earth orbit by focusing on the utilization of International Space Station ("ISS"), especially the Japanese "Kibo" module, which can offer satellite deployment and experiments on both internal and external platforms. In order to strengthen this goal, Space BD has built up global partnerships within the industry, which include the partnership with NanoRacks, where the two parties signed a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") for potential strategic partnership in March 2018. This far reaching partnership involves both current space station programs and next generation in-space services to fully utilize Japanese and American in-space assets in a commercial fashion.

#### Comments from the Representatives

## <u> Tohru Akaura – General Partner, Incubate Fund</u>



Incubate fund is the largest venture capital firm in Japan conducting seed investments for start-ups in incubation phase. We highly value Space BD's achievements and their future potential since its founding, and for this reason, we decided to provide additional investment following the last one in Oct 2017. We will continue to give Space BD our full support in realizing their ambition in space business and further expansion of their business.

#### Masamitsu Aoki – CEO, Anniversaire Holdings



We decided to move forward with the investment as we have been paying a great attention to Space BD since its founding. We believe space business has a huge potential to fuse with consumer business, such as food, clothing, entertainment and education, for greater market expansion. Taking these potential synergy effects into account, we will continue to support Space BD's ambitions.

#### Masatoshi Nagasaki – Co-Founder & CEO, Space BD Inc.



To develop an industry, I believe it's essential to have a service provider that can work together with the technology and innovation. "The final human frontier" is at a crucial phase of whether it can become a full-fledged industry, and we, Space BD, will strive to contribute to the development of the space industry as our main, earnest mission.

I highly appreciate and am humbled for the support from the two gentlemen whom I truly respect and trust, and have been supporting us since our founding.

#### About Incubate Fund

Management: General Partners: Tohru Akaura, Masahiko Homma, Keisuke Wada, Yusuke Murata

Location: ARK Mori Building 3F, 1-12-32, Akasaka , Minato-ku , Tokyo , Japan

Founded: 2010

URL: <u>www.incubatefund.com/en</u>

#### About Anniversaire Holdings

Management:Masamitsu Aoki, CEOLocation:3-5-25, Kita-Aoyama, Minato-ku, Tokyo, JapanCapital Stock:JPY100million

# About Space BD

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Head Quarter:	AIOS Ginza 6 <sup>th</sup> floor, 8-17-5 Ginza, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, JAPAN
Founded:	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2017
	(Changed name from Nagasaki & Co., Ltd which had been
	founded on 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2014)
Capital Stock	JPY309million (after the transaction and including capital reserves)
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