



The UK Space Industry

“The UK Space Sector is a genuine success story. We’re responsible for world-class science in our laboratories and on international missions. We manufacture many of the satellites surrounding the Earth, and are experts in software design and systems integration. The sector contributes £5.6 billion to the economy and supports 68,000 jobs.”

Lord Drayson

Minister for Science and Innovation

The UK Space Industry is involved in a number of different fields, including communications, navigation, security and climate monitoring. It is a highly skilled sector with two thirds of jobs filled by graduates. We have a mixture of companies ranging in size, from large international firms such as EADS Astrium who manufacture satellites in the UK, to small and medium sized enterprises such as Reaction Engines Ltd who are working on new propulsion systems to get planes into space.

In March 2010 the UK government launched the UK Space Agency. The UK Space Agency will co-ordinate UK civil space activity, support academic research, raise the profile of UK space and inspire the next generation of UK scientists and engineers

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