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Mark is an internationally experienced senior aerospace manager with nearly thirty years in the industry. Born and growing up in South-East Asia, he went to high school and college in the UK, graduating from Southampton University in Aeronautics and Astronautics with a BSc. and PhD. Starting in London, UK as a Systems Analyst for Logica Space & Defence (working on real time text messaging for the British Army of the Rhine), he then moved to Airbus Defence and Space in Bremen, Germany in 1990, working in the space propulsion area in electric and chemical propulsion, including projects such as CRAF/ Cassini, Ariane 5 and ATV. Subsequently he joined a German-Russian joint venture Eurockot Launch Services ultimately as Technical Director, providing launch services for a wide range of spacecraft including DLR/ NASA's GRACE, Iridium, Korea's KOMPSAT-2, Japan's SERVIS-2 and many of the ESA Earth Explorer missions. He then returned to Airbus Defence and Space, Bremen as Director for the Human Spaceflight Business Unit Advanced Projects and Business Development area, his Franco/ German team being responsible for space architecture studies for ESA feeding the first Global Exploration Roadmap. The team also initiated Airbus' activities in Orbital Debris and On-orbit Servicing resulting in contracts with ESA and other European agencies. The team also secured European involvement in ESA's Orion European Service module. As part of his mandate Mark testified as the Airbus Defense & Space human spaceflight lead at the Review of Future Human Spaceflight Plans Committee hearings in Washington DC. In 2013 Mark moved to be the Airbus Resident Liaison for the European Service Module co-located at Lockheed Martin Space Systems, Denver working Orion programmatic and technical issues and most recently has been working to secure delivery of FM1 and FM2 hardware, as representative of the Airbus Orion program management team. In his spare time he likes to spend time with his wife and two daughters, skiing, swimming and taking hikes in Colorado. He proudly became a US citizen in 2017.

