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CapRock Supports Louisiana Students’ Launch of Experimental Satellite

*Satellite Communications Provider Sponsors Univ. of Louisiana
Lafayette Cajun Advanced Picosatellite Experiment (CAPE) Project*

HOUSTON — Sept. 24, 2004 — Next year, when a Russian intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) carries its payload into the October sky, there will be several University of Louisiana at Lafayette students cheering the ascent. The launch will hurl a brand new satellite into orbit and mark the beginning of the data collection phase of the university’s Cajun Advanced Picosatellite Experiment (CAPE) project. Joining the students in their celebration will be CapRock Communications, the project’s chief corporate sponsor.

“As a native of Louisiana and the Lafayette region specifically, I am excited to see CapRock support the local community,” said CapRock President Errol Olivier. “We have several employees from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in key roles within our company. These former UL graduates drive much of the innovation and success here at CapRock. We felt that supporting the CAPE project and students as they explore the field of satellite communications was a great way to give back to the university.”

Through the CAPE project, engineering students at the university will research, design, build and launch an earth orbiting satellite about the size of a soccer ball. The satellite will be launched in October of 2005 on a Russian rocket and will gather various bits of data to transmit back to the ground station on the university campus. With CapRock as the primary corporate sponsor, plus donations from several other sponsors, construction of the satellite has begun already.

“CapRock has an outstanding reputation in the satellite communications industry, and they have a lot to offer the CAPE project – both financially and from a technical standpoint,” said John T. Landry, director of development, with the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. “Having them onboard as the main corporate sponsor for the project is really wonderful for the students and the university.”

More information on the CAPE project is available on the project website: <http://cape.louisiana.edu/>.

About CapRock Communications

Established in 1981 to provide communications services to extreme locations, CapRock Communications is the dominant satellite communications provider for the off-shore oilfield industry, with growing service to maritime, construction, mining, forestry and government markets. By offering complete managed telecommunications solutions in the world’s harshest and most hard-to-reach environments, CapRock has earned a reputation as the one to call when reliability matters. The company utilizes the latest field proven satellite technologies to deliver highly reliable communication services for broadband networking, real-time video and digital telephony. Strategic partnerships, technical expertise and a robust global infrastructure enable CapRock to deliver on its promise to be the market’s reliability leader. More information about CapRock is available on the company Web site at www.caprock.com.

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