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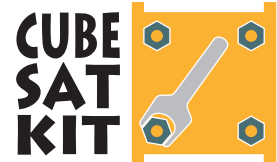
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# **Pumpkin, Inc. CubeSat Kits™ Aboard Upcoming ESA Vega Maiden Flight**



San Francisco, CA - Pumpkin, Inc. announced that four of the nine student teams selected by the European Space Agency (ESA) for launch on its new Vega launch vehicle are Pumpkin customers and are using Pumpkin's CubeSat Kit components on their satellites. Two backup teams were also selected, and one of those employs the CubeSat Kit as well.

“Pumpkin is honored that these teams chose to build projects around the CubeSat Kit” states Andrew Kalman, CEO. “The fact that four of the nine teams ESA selected will be flying CubeSat Kit components further validates our position that by using Pumpkin's CubeSat Kit, customers can build flight-ready CubeSats rapidly and at low cost.” ESA reviewed twenty-two proposals from universities all over Europe. Initially intending to select six projects, ESA was so impressed with the quality of the proposals that they increased that number to nine.

The four satellites that utilize Pumpkin components and were selected for space flight are Xatcobeo (a collaboration of the University of Vigo and INTA, Spain); OUFTI-1 (University of Liège, Belgium); Goliat (University of Bucharest, Romania), and e-st@r (Politecnico di Torino, Italy). HiNCube (Narvik University College, Norway) was selected as an alternate and may otherwise fly on the second Vega flight.

The first flight of ESA's Vega launch vehicle is anticipated for late 2008 or early 2009. Pumpkin congratulates all nine teams for their achievement.

Pumpkin, Inc. is the largest supplier of CubeSat standard components. The company's CubeSat Kit product line allows aerospace engineers to use space-proven subassemblies, saving time and expense while reducing risk. In addition to his duties as Pumpkin's CEO and CTO, Dr. Kalman is a Consulting Professor in the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics at Stanford University. This fall, he will assume the leadership role at Stanford's Space and Systems Development Laboratory (SSDL), previously led by professors Bob Twiggs and James Cutler.

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