

Chapter 11 Baikonur Cosmodrome

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The modification of the EUROCKOT dedicated facilities at Baikonur Cosmodrome is currently being defined. Although *Rocket* launches have occurred in the past from Baikonur cosmodrome, it is currently no longer operational for *Rocket* launches. Activation of the site for *Rocket* requires upgrades and modifications to existing facilities which will take at least 18 months to complete. A decision for site activation will be made on a case by case basis should the need arise to use this site.

Generally, the extent and quality of the EUROCKOT facilities and services at Baikonur will at least be similar to those of Plesetsk, and in some respects even better.

Baikonur is particularly suited for serving inclinations in the 50° range; these cannot be efficiently reached from Plesetsk due to its northerly latitudes. Please see chapter 3 for *Rocket* payload performance from Baikonur.