

***Rockot orbits Sentinel-3A Monitoring Mission  
Successful Launch of European Copernicus Satellite***

**Plesetsk / Bremen, February 16, 2016: Eurockot Launch Services GmbH successfully launched the Sentinel-3A satellite today at 20:57 hrs local time (17:57 hrs UTC) from Plesetsk Cosmodrome in Northern Russia. A Rockot launch vehicle orbited Sentinel-3A into an orbit of approximately 815 km altitude and 98.65 degrees. This launch was Eurockot's first in support of the European Copernicus satellite system.**

Sentinel-3A is part of the Copernicus multiple satellite system funded jointly by the European Space Agency and the European Commission. Copernicus supports European policies to improve management of the environment and help mitigate the effects of climate change and ensure civil security.

Eurockot's launch vehicle Rockot launched Sentinel-3A from its dedicated launch pad LC133 at Plesetsk Cosmodrome in Northern Russia, about 800 km from Moscow.

Eurockot's next missions in 2016 will be single launches of the Sentinel-5p and Sentinel-2B satellites which also form part of the Copernicus programme, the launches of which are covered by contracts between the European Space Agency and Eurockot.

Eurockot Launch Services GmbH is the joint venture of Airbus Safran Launchers (51%) and Khrunichev Space Centre (49%) and performs launch services for operators of Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellites using the flight-proven Rockot launch vehicle which provided meanwhile 25 launches.

For more background information please refer to [www.eurockot.com](http://www.eurockot.com).

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