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SOYUZ LAUNCH SYSTEM, A REALITY IN FRENCH GUIANA

Abstract

The Soyuz at the CSG (Guiana Space Centre) programme is a key element of the cooperation between Europe and the Federation of Russia as perfectly complementing the operational Ariane 5 European heavy-lift launcher and the small Vega rocket, all three presently in operation.

Following the first two successful missions from the CSG in less than two months (October 2011 and December 2011), this article will present the post flight analysis data of the results of the final qualification review to be held in April, authorizing the beginning of the operational exploitation phase with three missions from CSG in 2012.