

May 15th, 2018: On May 15th, 2018, representatives of Sky and Space Global (SAS) UK Ltd and GOMSpace visited D-Orbit's headquarters for the critical design review (CDR) of the DPOD deployment system.

The CDR went smoothly, and SAS' representatives expressed their satisfaction with the progresses. At the end of the session, GomSpace representatives collected the two D-POD test models to perform integration testing with prototypes of the CubeSat.

D-Orbit is moving forward with the production of the first batch of flight models.

SAS is developing an innovative CubeSat constellation that will provide affordable communication services around the world. In October 2017 they choose D-Orbit to launch and deploy their Pearls spacecraft.

DPOD is a family of CubeSat deployers that can be mounted on the major launchers in the market. It is also an essential part of ION CubeSat Carrier, the first free-flying CubeSat launch and deployment system in the world that can precisely deliver a batch of spacecraft in independent orbital slots.

"The CDR went well, and the atmosphere was friendly and informal," said Lorenzo Ferrario, D-Orbit's CTO. "We are really satisfied because this milestone is an important step in our roadmap towards our vision of space transportation."