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HIGH-SPEED, ELEVATED, MASS TRANSIT GETS REAL **skyTran and Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) to Build a skyTran Demonstration System**

[skyTran, Inc.](#), headquartered at the [NASA Research Park](#) (NRP) near Mountain View, California, and [Israel Aerospace Industries](#) (IAI), a company headquartered in Lod, Israel, entered into an agreement today for the construction of a skyTran Technology Demonstration System (TDS) on the grounds of IAI's corporate campus. The agreement was executed by the Director of IAI's Lahav Division, Yosef (Yossi) Melamed and by skyTran CEO, Jerry Sanders.

skyTran is the developer of the patented high-speed, elevated, levitating, energy-efficient, skyTran transportation system. The skyTran system is a network of computer-controlled, 2-person "jet-like" vehicles employing state-of-the-art passive, magnetic levitation (maglev) technology. skyTran systems will transport passengers in a fast, safe, green, and economical manner. skyTran intends to revolutionize public transportation and, with it, urban and suburban commuting.

IAI is a world leader in the development and production of aerospace systems and aircraft. It has accumulated nearly half a century of experience in creating and supplying advanced systems for customers worldwide and it devotes substantial resources to research and development.

Jerry Sanders remarked, "The support afforded by IAI is a breakthrough for skyTran. IAI, as a world-class designer of aircraft and avionics, is the perfect partner to take skyTran from concept to construct." Yossi Melamed declared, "We are proud to be part of this exciting moment in transportation history and to host the first SkyTran system in our grounds. The TDS will incorporate IAI's advanced capabilities in the areas of engineering, robotics, and control."

The TDS will incorporate skyTran's salient features. It will provide a platform for skyTran vehicles to travel at high speeds, with full payloads while levitating. The TDS will enable testing, refinement, and validation of skyTran's technology in a controlled environment.

The TDS will be followed by deployment of the first commercial skyTran system in Tel Aviv, Israel. Other projects worldwide are pending TDS completion.

In addition to being a tenant in the NASA Research Park, NASA and skyTran entered into non-reimbursable Space Act Agreements to collaboratively study “Human Habitability and Intelligent Control of an Advanced Transportation System.”

“The NRP is proud to have skyTran as a valued tenant and partner in our world-class shared-use R&D and education campus for industry, academia, non-profits, and government,” said S. Pete Worden, director of NASA’s Ames Research Center, which founded and manages the NRP. “The NRP provides a physical place for innovation and entrepreneurship and serves as a technology accelerator through fostering both informal and formal collaborations.”

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