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Subject: European Space Tehnology Harmonisation - SME4Space

To whom it may concern,

The European Space Agency (ESA) has awarded a contract to the Association SME4SPACE to carry out a set of activities in support of the ESA-led European Space Technology Harmonisation process, in order to facilitate and to improve the participation of European Space SMEs to this process.

For ESA this process is of the utmost importance as it defines Harmonised Roadmaps that guide technology developments in Europe. A participation of SMEs is therefore highly valued and ESA is well aware of the hurdles that individual SMEs are confronted with. The aim of the collaboration with SME4SPACE as the representative organisation of SMEs in our industry is to assist SMEs, ensuring them an efficient access to the different stages of the Harmonisation process and the possibility to voice their views.

I would be grateful if you could provide SME4SPACE with the assistance they may request to complete this task. Please note that the contractor is required to treat all information in confidence.

Should you have any questions about this collaboration, please contact harmo@esa.int.

Yours faithfully,

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