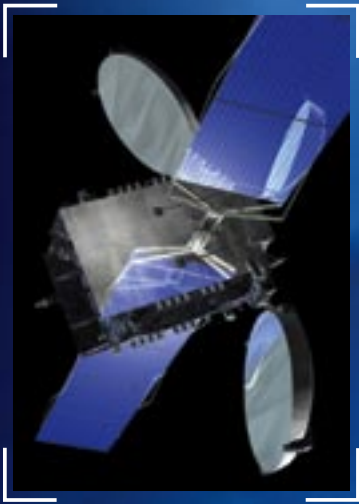


The tempo of success



The Orbital Sciences-built Optus D3 will provide a full range of telecom relay services for Australia and New Zealand.



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Optus D3 is the 285th payload entrusted to Arianespace since the company's founding in 1980. It will be the fifth satellite orbited by Arianespace for Australian telecommunications operator Optus, and is scheduled for a 2009 liftoff from Europe's Spaceport aboard an Ariane 5 or Soyuz launch vehicle.



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