

Scout Names Philip Hover-Smoot as CEO

To support the company with accelerated growth

RESTON, VA, UNITED STATES, January 18, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Scout Space](#) Inc., a leading in-space observation service provider focused on space security and comprehensive Space Domain Awareness (SDA), today announced that long-time aerospace and defense executive Philip Hover-Smoot has been named the company's Chief Executive Officer (CEO), as of January 12, 2024.

Hover-Smoot succeeds Co-founder and CEO Eric Ingram, who will now be taking on the roles of Chairman of the Board and Chief Strategy Officer. In making the announcement, Ingram said, "We're pleased to have someone

of Philip's caliber at Scout as our CEO. We've experienced unprecedented growth over the last year, assembled an incredible team, and demonstrated our ability to capture meaningful business within our core national security customer base." Ingram continues, "We're now well-positioned with Philip's leadership to accelerate growth and transition Scout from an R&D business into a business with real deliverables for both government and commercial customers.

As the Chief Executive Officer, Hover-Smoot will uphold Scout's mission of ensuring security in space operations with cost-effective plug-and-play vision systems that enhance customer missions and enable satellite autonomy. He plans to continue to cultivate collaboration between government and commercial customers and expedite both technical progress and technical hiring in the near term.

Hover-Smoot commented, "I am thrilled to be joining Scout at such a dynamic time. For all the right reasons, we need to refocus on developing the business and refining our execution plans.



Philip Hover-Smoot

With Scout's proven flight heritage, secure sensor solutions, and advanced autonomy capabilities, we have the potential to revolutionize the SDA segment." Hover-Smoot added, "Not only has the team managed extraordinary growth over the last few years, but Scout also built an amazing corporate culture, which has been key to its ongoing success. I'm looking forward to supporting that culture and collaborating with the team at this critical juncture to lead the company through a much anticipated and accelerated growth period."

Previous to Scout, Hover-Smoot served as the General Counsel at Spaceflight Inc., a group company of Mitsui & Co. Ltd., best known for pioneering orbital transfer vehicles and commercial rideshare missions. Prior to that, he held the roles of Deputy General Counsel and Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer at Momentus Inc. (NASDAQ: MNTS), an in-space services provider. Hover-Smoot has also held a series of roles at Raytheon Technologies, primarily in the Office of General Counsel at Raytheon Technologies' Intelligence & Space business, where he held key advisory roles in compliance and contracting with a focus on remote sensing and electronic warfare systems. Earlier in his legal career, he specialized in the implementation of technology security and foreign disclosure controls and counseled both aerospace and technology organizations.

Mr. Hover-Smoot holds a JD/MBA from Drake University and has completed postdoctoral work at Stanford's Spogli Institute for International Security Studies, with an emphasis on national security and intelligence.

About SCOUT Space

SCOUT Space was founded in 2019 with the mission to enable a new era of space safety and transparency. SCOUT's in-space products and services, first launched in 2021, allow spacecraft to see and understand things around them. The orbital distributed sensor network developed by SCOUT will significantly improve Space Domain Awareness (SDA) and ensure responsible use of the space environment. The company is a Techstars, MassChallenge, and venture-backed startup with ongoing government and commercial contracts. SCOUT holds the Established® 2021 Startup of the Year® title. For more information, visit www.scout.space.

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