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THINGS extends industry focus into space by launching new Space Tech initiative

Stockholm February 15 2023: After eight years of enabling international business relationships between deeptech scaleups and corporates in Industry, Infrastructure, Utilities and Mobility, THINGS now expands the scope to Space. THINGS' SPACE2 initiative is supported by Vinnova and supports the growth and expansion of the Swedish space ecosystem by leveraging the expertise, programs, events and community, and enabling international business relationships between Space Tech scaleups and corporates. By welcoming new members and partners from the space industry to our efficient commercial membership platform, we facilitate new business relationships being established faster.

"Swedish and international space related scaleups and corporates eager to utilize SpaceTech can benefit from the activities and services provided through the SPACE2 initiative" says Linda Krondahl CEO and co-founder of THINGS. "Many of our 100 international member companies are already active in or interested in SpaceTech applications, and we want to strengthen Sweden's role in the space industry".

SpaceTech has rapidly become an enabler of new exciting solutions across industries and is already helping us reach many of the 17 SDGs. Europe has for years made significant investments in Space including key assets like COPERNICUS, GALILEO, EGNOS and The EU Space Programme.

"We're excited to help accelerate the promising use of SpaceTech for good, and trust that our approach to providing access to the Swedish and European SpaceTech ecosystem for companies with commercial space appetite will fly", says Magnus Melander, co-founder of THINGS and managing the SPACE2 initiative.

Several SpaceTech focused partners and members already joined THINGS since SPACE2 was kicked off early 2023, including Spaceport Sweden, Rymdkapital, Arctic Business and Space Sense. THINGS is already involved in Cassini Matchmaking, and works closely with Cassini Business Accelerator, initiatives by the European Commission and EUSPA.

With SPACE2, THINGS will make SpaceTech more accessible to the broader audience, also outside the immediate space industry, by making it a key topic in <u>THINGS 8Y Anniversary Executive Summit</u> March 16, SpaceTech events like <u>eXplore™ Space Business</u> February 22, and <u>Get-On-Top-Of™ Space</u> March 30 in collaboration with Kista Science City.

About THINGS:

THINGS was established in 2014 to learn how to transform innovation in small innovative deeptech companies to value creation in large companies through collaboration. With the mantra "hands on and business first" THINGS has developed a community of some 100 member companies, 50/50 tech companies and corporates from Japan to the US. The objective is to enable sustainable business relationships for our members and we focus on deeptech in Industry, Infrastructure, Utilities, Mobility and Space.

THINGS Partners in key domains and geographies enable THINGS to deliver high quality cross-border services to our members. THINGS members include Alfa Laval, SAAB, Scania, Akademiska Hus, Mavenir Networks, IHI Corporation, Hitachi Energy, Teledyne Flir, Deutsche Telekom IoT, Vinci Group, Bosch, TechnipFMC, OrbitMI, MTEK, Ekkono, Hacarus, Stream Analyze, nFlux, TEGnology and Calumino.

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