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## **Space Angels Network Issues a Call for Applicant Companies For its First Aerospace Venture Forum**

**CRYSTAL CITY, Virginia (NewSpace 2008 Conference) – July 17, 2008** – Space Angels Network, LLC, a national network of seed- and early-stage investors focused on aerospace-related ventures, today issued a Call for Applicant Companies to its first Aerospace Venture Forum to be held in Los Angeles on September 26, 2008. The Forum will be a full-day event that showcases promising aerospace ventures and allows entrepreneurs to present their investment opportunities to an exclusive audience of active accredited investors.

“We continue to be impressed by the high quality of entrepreneurial aerospace ventures and the strong interest from early-stage investors,” said Guillermo Söhnlein, founder and managing director of Space Angels Network. “Since we already provide a solid platform for bringing together these two communities online, creating this unique event for them to interact in person is a natural step for us.”

The event is being co-hosted by the Keiretsu Forum Southern California, a region within the world's largest angel investment network. On the evening of the Aerospace Venture Forum, Keiretsu Forum Southern California is also organizing a fundraising “Big Band Ball” to launch its new Charitable Foundation, with a portion of the proceeds being donated to several aerospace non-profit organizations.

“In our ongoing efforts to uncover the best early-stage investment opportunities and to support the entrepreneur community, we continuously look for emerging industries like aerospace,” said Connie Koch, president of Keiretsu Forum Southern California. “We believe that partnering with Space Angels Network on this Aerospace Venture Forum will help us both accomplish our respective missions. By exposing our members to the aerospace world

as well as including everyone in the launch of our Charitable Foundation, we feel that we are supporting the general investment community, the participating entrepreneurs, the non-profit organizations, and the aerospace industry as a whole.”

More information about Space Angels Network and the Aerospace Venture Forum can be found at [www.spaceangelsnetwork.com/ventureforums.php](http://www.spaceangelsnetwork.com/ventureforums.php).

### **About Space Angels Network, LLC**

Space Angels Network is a professionally managed national network of seed- and early-stage investors focused on aerospace-related ventures. The online platform allows members to find investment opportunities, to connect with like-minded accredited investors and aerospace industry experts across the U.S. and Canada, and to collaborate on due diligence and deal negotiations. Space Angels Network also organizes semi-annual Aerospace Venture Forums, which offer entrepreneurs opportunities to meet face-to-face with accredited investors and present their ventures for their consideration. Through its extended strategic relationships with venture capital firms, federal science and technology agencies, state economic development organizations, research universities, incentive prize organizations, and other partners, Space Angels Network creates a robust ecosystem for both aerospace entrepreneurs and investors to connect for seed- and early-stage financing. For more information, please visit [www.spaceangelsnetwork.com](http://www.spaceangelsnetwork.com).

### **About Keiretsu Forum**

Keiretsu Forum is the world’s largest angel investment network, with 17 chapters and over 750 accredited investor members internationally. Keiretsu Forum members provide early-stage capital in the range of \$250,000 - \$2,000,000 to high quality, diverse investment opportunities and collaborate in the due diligence, but make their own individual investment decisions. Since Keiretsu Forum’s founding in 2000, its members have invested over \$180M in 200 companies in technology, consumer products, healthcare/life sciences, real estate and other segments with high growth potential. Forum members have donated over \$1M to 90+ non-profit organizations. For more information, please visit [www.keiretsuforum.com](http://www.keiretsuforum.com).