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ESA Investment Forum 2008

14th – 15th April 2008

Action coordinated by ESA with EC projects “FinanceSpace” & “INVEsat”.

The ESA Investment Forum 2008 will take place in its technology center ESTEC – Noordwijk-NL on 15th April, preceded by a gala dinner at Space Expo on the evening of 14th April; a Venture Academy in ESTEC is also planned for the 14th April.

ESA is strongly supporting the Investment Forum; the forum complements the agency’s initiative to establish the ‘E-Synergy International Partnership LP Fund’ (formally known as the ‘European Special Application Fund’) managed by E-SYNERGY, to assure early stage financing of Space Technology downstream activities.

The ESA Investment Forum 2008 follows the successful edition of 2007 and is again a pro-active approach to the creation, stimulation and support of new businesses arising from the sector. Those are typically Start-Ups companies, qualified SMEs and, more in general, companies seeking to develop terrestrial businesses derived from the Space Technology & Satellite Applications Sector.

Space Technologies are used by all Industry Sectors for daily terrestrial use. The aim is to promote the creation of a downstream market to support and increase the quality Deal Flow of space technology based business ventures.

ESA Investment Forum is a Match Making event!

The aim of the ESA Investment Forum 2008 and annex Venture Academy is to enhance the dialogue between the Private and Public Investment and Financial community with Investment-Ready Innovative Entrepreneurs and active Space-Actors; “One2One” meetings may be envisaged for the purpose.

Efforts are focussing to increase Investment Activity by active Investors and Financial Actors in dedicated and promising Space Technology related projects. Therefore Technology based operational Start-Ups and SMEs aiming to commercialise Space Technology in terrestrial markets for Materials, Products, Services, Processes and Applications across Europe are invited to attend the ESA Investment Forum.

Start-Ups and quality value adds SMEs of all technology sectors and stages related to Space Technology downstream activities will present their Business Venture in front of International Investors.

In case you want to participate to this event, PLEASE register on ESA website
<http://www.congrex.nl/08c04/>