

## STATEMENT REGARDING IAM CONTRACT RATIFICATION

KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, Florida (Nov. 4, 2007) – United Space Alliance is pleased that our employees represented by the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers have ratified the collective bargaining agreement offered by the company. The final agreement is competitive in our market, and is a fair and equitable settlement for both USA and IAM members. Throughout this process, we never lost sight of our primary goal of supporting NASA and human spaceflight, and we are thankful that we again have the services of these skilled workers. Together we are ready to move forward.

We appreciate and applaud the focus and dedication displayed throughout the negotiation period by the USA employees who helped to safely and successfully process and launch STS-118 and STS-120. As always, our employees met every challenge with impressive commitment and an unwavering willingness to get the job done.

We now look forward to safely continuing Space Shuttle launch and recovery operations with our entire USA team in place.

United Space Alliance is a world leader in space operations with extensive experience in all aspects of the field. Headquartered in Houston and employing 10,000 people in Texas, Florida and Alabama, USA is applying its broad range of capabilities to NASA's Space Shuttle, International Space Station and Constellation programs as well as to space operations customers in the commercial and international space industry sectors.

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