

Launch Campaign Newsletter #01 – Friday, 27. April 2018

The reduced teams from Airbus, TAS-I, ESA, JAXA and the JAXA industrial contractors have arrived during this week in Kourou. The first Antonov plane landed at Cayenne airport on Tuesday with MOSIF, GSE, office container and various other items. The entire cargo has been transferred by trucks to the S5 complex (PPF) on the same day. 6 ISO sea-container were unloaded and the relevant setup was initiated by the combined team.



All BC activities prior to the MCS integration onto the Ariane 5 rocket will take place in the S5 complex. Wednesday and Thursday were occupied with setting up the offices and the MPO/MTM control-room with EGSEs.

Today, MPO has arrived with the second Antonov. The truck transport from the airport to CSG was smooth without any anomalies.

Container cleaning and nitrogen connection is on going. Container opening, followed by PHEBUS pump installation will be completed today. MGSE deployment is planned for Tomorrow.

In addition to MPO, 6 ISO sea-container arrived, which carries mainly JAXA GSE and JAXA office items. Unloading of the sea-container has started in the afternoon, and will continue until Saturday evening.

In parallel to the S/C and MGSE activities, all MPO Instrument EGSEs have been unpacked and already installed in the control-room. CSG and Airbus are still working on the network connection of the IEGSEs to the internet in order to support the remote link for the forthcoming MPO Abbreviated Functional Test (AFT). Validation of Central Checkout System (CCS) is on going in parallel.

We are all looking forward to the arrivals of the last two Antonov planes, expected on 02/05 and 09/05 with MMO and MTM.

