

Launch Campaign Newsletter #24 – Friday, 5. October 2018

The countdown rehearsal had to be repeated due to script updates, and was successfully completed last Monday.

On Wednesday, “our” Launcher has been transferred from the Launcher integration building (BIL = Bâtiment Intégration Lanceur) to the final assembly building (BAF = Bâtiment d'Assemblage Final), where BepiColombo will be finally integrated onto the launcher.



On the same day, the MPO skin connector has been finalised, and the POC Readiness Review has concluded the start of the combined operation (POC = Plan d'Opérations Combinées). The CCU (Container Charge Utile), a kind of movable clean room has docked to the S5B as preparation for the transport of MCS to the BAF.



On Thursday, MCS has been integrated on the LVA (Launch Vehical Adaptor). On Friday, the MTM skirt has been installed and MLI was sewed. In parallel the COTE (Check-Out Terminal Equipment) has been transported to BAF, installed in the launch table.

MCS is now ready for the transport to BAF, scheduled for Monday.