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Sea Launch Company today halted the launch countdown of the EchoStar X mission due to an off-nominal indication from the Ground Support System.

Following the direction to stop the countdown, the launch team immediately implemented system safing and securing operations. The EchoStar X spacecraft and the Zenit-3SL vehicle are in excellent condition. The launch team is currently evaluating the issue to determine a corrective action and a schedule for the next launch opportunity.

Sea Launch will provide additional information, as available, on the Sea Launch website and recorded on the Sea Launch Hot Line at 800.995.4123.

The EchoStar X satellite was built by Lockheed Martin Commercial Space Systems in Pennsylvania and then assembled in Sunnyvale, California. The high-power Ku band A2100-AX spacecraft is designed to deliver direct-to-home broadcast services to DISH Network customers throughout the United States. This direct broadcast system is optimized to provide additional bandwidth and, used in conjunction with other EchoStar satellites, EchoStar X will enable the DISH Network to expand its customer services and channel offerings.

Sea Launch Company, LLC, headquartered in Long Beach, Calif., is the world's most reliable heavy-lift commercial launch service. This international partnership offers the most direct and cost-effective route to geostationary orbit. With the advantage of a launch site on the Equator, the robust Zenit-3SL rocket can lift a heavier spacecraft mass or provide longer life on orbit, offering best value plus schedule assurance. For additional information, please visit the Sea Launch website at: www.sea-launch.com

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