

## Rob Postma new CEO of Airbus Defence and Space Netherlands

Leiden, 9 February 2021 – Rob Postma is appointed Chief Executive Officer of Airbus Defence and Space Netherlands BV, effective 9 February. In this capacity, he will be responsible for the operational management of the Leiden-based space company. Airbus DS NL, which is part of the Space Systems division of Airbus, develops solar arrays, launcher structures and technology for earth observations and optical communication. In his new role Postma will report to Andreas Lindenthal, Head of Business Operations Space Systems at Airbus Defence and Space.



“Rob has proven himself in recent years in utilizing new technologies and market developments for further growth of the organisation. This, together with his ability to bring together competences both within and outside the organisation, makes him the ideal candidate to lead Airbus DS NL,” said Andreas Lindenthal.

Postma has held various positions within the international Airbus organisation since 2007. Before his current appointment, he served as VP Head of Governmental Export Business for Airbus’ division Space Systems, overseeing global business development and marketing and sales activities of earth observation and telecom satellites for national space agencies and military organizations. Previously, Postma was responsible for business development and sales for Earth Observation, Navigation & Science and for the sale of intelligence based on data from space in the EMEA and Latin America regions. Postma succeeds Maarten Schippers, who stepped down last month and will pursue his career outside the organization.

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