

On 26 October 2015, the Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an agency of the Department of Commerce, granted a license to Planetary Resources Development Corporation to operate two private, commercial, space-based remote sensing systems named “Arkyd 6A” and “Arkyd 6B”.

Arkyd 6A and 6B are planned commercial satellites licensed to collect images of the Earth and specific celestial objects and will operate in a sun-synchronous low Earth orbit of 450 km minimum altitude.

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