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MIKE CURIE/NASA LAUNCH COMMENTATOR: Welcoming back Frank DeMauro. Frank, this was a fabulous

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day. Congratulations so much. It looks like Cygnus is a very healthy vehicle.

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FRANK DEMAURO/ORBITAL ATK VICE PRESIDENT: It is. We had a perfect orbit injection, really

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right on the money. We began initializing systems on the spacecraft immediately. Everything's

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looking great. The big task we wanted to see get complete before we declared full health

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was the solar array deployment -- this is the first time we deployed our new UltraFlex

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array -- and it went right on target. Everything was perfect. The arrays are fully deployed,

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generating lots of power. The propulsion's healthy, the power system, the attitude control

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system, everything's initialized and we're flying a good spacecraft now.

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CURIE: So we have officially resumed cargo missions to the International Space Station.

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DEMAURO: We have. We have, and we couldn't be more thrilled to be here. You know, about,

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just less than a year ago we started working with ULA to integrate Cygnus to the Atlas

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V. It has been a tremendous effort on both ULA's part and Orbital ATK. It's gone extremely

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well, culminating today in a beautiful launch. After a few days' wait, but it was worth it.

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It was great to see the rocket head up there and put us exactly on target in our orbit.

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So we'll spend the next couple of days making our way toward the ISS, so Wednesday morning,

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in the wee hours on the east coast, we'll begin the process to approach the ISS. And

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we hope to get grappled somewhere around 6 a.m., or a little bit before or after. But

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we think we're well on our way.

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CURIE: It sure sounds like it. We really want to congratulate you. This is a great day.

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I think it's a wonderful idea to see the commercial companies working so closely together, Orbital

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ATK and United Launch Alliance, on a mission for NASA to the International Space Station,

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which is truly an international space station -- it shows how well it works when everyone

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is working together.

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DEMAURO: I agree. And I think it's been such a pleasure working with ULA. It's been great

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working with NASA, they've been supportive every step of the way. Certainly Orbital ATK

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and NASA and ULA have a great day today. But I think most importantly we know that the

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folks we're really serving are the crew on the ISS. So we're thrilled that we can support

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them this way, we're looking forward to getting on the ISS, deliver their supplies that they

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need, and then spending the next couple of months with them up there. So it's been a

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great day and we'll look for more days in the future.

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CURIE: All right. Well congratulations, once again, to you and your entire team.