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NASA launch commentator Josh Santora: Tim, congratulations to you and the entire team.

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Obviously, a huge success today; everything we heard was great. Um, so can you characterize

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the launch for us?

NASA Launch Manager Tim Dunn: Wow — that's

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really what I can say is wow! It was a thrilling day; it really was. Uh, you know, uh, we got

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a little bit behind in some of our pad closeouts in getting the MST tower rolled, and getting

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the pad ready. But the ULA team is absolutely amazing. Uh, we pressed ahead and got into

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the countdown sequence and continued to make up time as we moved forward through the countdown.

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And by about 20 minutes prior to our first targeted T-zero we had completely made up

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the entire almost 2½ hours of delay time that we had. So, just an incredible performance

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by the combined government and contractor team, uh, to uh get Delta II ready uh, with

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its precious ICESat-2, uh, spacecraft and
get it launched.

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NASA launch commentator Josh Santora: Awesome.
Yeah, you all made this look easy. This is

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rocket science; it is not easy. But the team
looks like they just did a great job pulling

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together today. Uh, but on a personal level,
Tim, we know that you love the Delta II. Obviously,

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you are committed to every mission and do
a phenomenal job. So what's this one for

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you personally?
Mic Woltman, NASA engineer: Besides being

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excited, what does it mean to you personally?
NASA Launch Manager Tim Dunn: Well, obviously

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I'm a little bit sad. Uh, I'm thrilled
with mission success and that we were able

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to close the chapter on Delta II with a huge
success of an incredibly important science

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payload. ICESat-2 is gonna do cutting edge
scientific data gathering. The precision measurements

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it's gonna make from space are just gonna
be incredible. So to be able to say that we

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launched this very important science mission
on the final flight of the industry workhouse

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is just, uh, a huge accomplishment for the
entire team. And so I have a lot of personal

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feelings about Delta II, but I'm really
just a very small part of the entire team.