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Acronyms

AES	Advanced Exploration System Programme (NASA Programme)
ARTES	Advanced Research in Telecommunications Systems (ESA Programme)
ASI	Agenzia Spaziale Italiana (Italian Space Agency)
ASL	Airbus Safran Launchers
BEAM	Bigelow Expandable Activity Module
BIC	Business Incubation Centre (ESA Programme)
C3PO	NASA Commercial Crew and Cargo Programme Office
CCDev	Commercial Crew Development (NASA Programme)
CCP	Commercial Crew Programme (NASA Programme)
CCtCap	NASA Commercial Crew Transportation Capability
CDTI	Centro para el Desarrollo Tecnológico e Industrial (Spanish institution)
CNES	Centre Nationale D’Etudes Spatiales (French Space Agency)
COFACE	Compagnie Française d’Assurance pour le Commerce Extérieur
COSME	European Programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises
COTS	Commercial Orbital Transportation Services (NASA programme)
CPC	Certification Products Contract (NASA initiative)
CRS	Commercial Resupply Service (NASA programme)
DARPA	US Defence Advanced Research Projects Agency
DFJ	Draper Fisher Juvertson (US investors)
DLR	Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt (German Space Agency)
DoD	US Department of Defense
DSI	Deep Space Industries
EC	European Commission

EELV	Expendable Launch Vehicle Programme (US Air Force)
EIB	European Investment Bank
EIF	European Investment Fund
ELV	Expendable Launch Vehicle
EO	Earth observation
ESA	European Space Agency
ESPI	European Space Policy Institute
EU	European Union
EX-IM	US Export–Import Bank
FAA	US Federal Aviation Administration
FCC	US Federal Communications Commission
FLPP	Future Launchers Preparatory Programme (ESA programme)
FY	US fiscal year
GEO	Geostationary orbit
GSO	Geosynchronous orbit
GTO	Geostationary transfer orbit
H2020	Horizon 2020
IAC	International Astronautical Congress
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
ICCS	International Space Station Commercial Cargo Services
ICTs	Information and communications technologies
IDIQ	Indefinite delivery indefinite quantity
IFC	International Finance Corporation
IPO	Initial public offering
ISS	International Space Station
ITAR	International Traffic in Arms Regulations
ITS	Interplanetary Transport System (SpaceX project)
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
LEO	Low Earth orbit
LPRS	Liquid Propulsion Stage Recovery
MoU	Memorandum of understanding
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NEA	Near-Earth asteroid
NEO	Near-Earth object
NGO	Non-governmental organisation
OSTF	Open Sky Technologies Fund (ESA Programme)
PPP	Public–private partnership
R&D	Research and development
REDD+	Reducing emissions from deforestation and degradation
RLV	Reusable launch vehicle
ROI	Returns on investment
SAAAs	Space Act Agreements
SDGs	Sustainable development goals
SES	Société Européenne des Satellites

SME	Small and medium enterprises
SMILE	Small Innovative Launcher for Europe
SNCI	Société Nationale de Crédit et d'Investissement du Luxembourg
SPACE ACT	US Spurring Private Aerospace Competitiveness and Entrepreneurship Act
SpaceX	Space Exploration Technologies Corporation
TEPRUEL	Spanish Reusable Technologies for Launchers
TESER	Technology for Self-Removal of Spacecraft (EU Project)
TTP	Technology Transfer Programme
TUGSAT-1/BRITE	Technische Universitat Graz Satellite-1/BRiGht-star Target Explorer
UKSA	UK Space Agency
ULA	United Launch Alliance
UNOOSA	United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs
VC	Venture capitalist
VCSL	Venture Class Launch Services (NASA programme)

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