



## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **ManSat Group hosts Lieutenant Governor**

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Lieutenant Governor Sir Richard Gozney has been given an insight into the fast-moving world of the space industry.

He toured ManSat's new Fort Anne offices in Douglas to find out more about the thriving operation and meet staff from all areas of the business.

Established in May 1998, ManSat has helped spearhead the Island as one of the leading space jurisdictions in the world.

It carries out satellite filings under a contract with the Isle of Man Government's Communications Commission and runs a number of annual initiatives.

The company awards Fellowship grants for Manx students seeking to further their studies in space, and scholarships to attend programmes run by the International Space University in Strasbourg.

Each summer, local students spend two weeks at the Space School in Houston, Texas, working alongside peers from around the globe, with the aim of planning a simulated crewed mission to Mars, alongside support from NASA astronauts, engineers and scientists.

ManSat also supports Manx entries to the annual Conrad Challenge, in co-operation with Apollo Astronaut Pete Conrad's Foundation, and has sponsored Island high schools to participate in the UK Rocketry Challenge.

During the visit with His Excellency and his ADC, Diane Kelsey, the many subjects covered included the Apollo 50th anniversary, the complexities of satellite filing, orbital issues and a variety of satellite related matters.

Sir Richard was guided on his visit by Group CEO Chris Stott and CFO John Sheath who explained: 'It was an absolute pleasure to welcome His Excellency as our first official visitor to our new offices. Sir Richard was clearly interested in the



operational aspect of our business and how ManSat continues to grow and adapt to innovations in the industry.

'I was especially impressed by his subject knowledge and understanding of the satellite industry, almost eclipsing my own!

'We had a thoroughly enjoyable time and, as His Excellency has demonstrated time and time again, he is deeply committed to our Island and its workings, taking the time to understand how it operates and what makes it tick.

'All our staff enjoyed meeting him and telling him about the work we carry out and it was a great opportunity for them to demonstrate their enthusiasm. Everyone appreciated the interest Sir Richard showed.'

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**Caption:** (left to right) Group CFO John Sheath, Sir Richard Gozney, CEO Chris Stott.

## **NOTES FOR EDITORS**

### **ManSat Limited**

ManSat carries out satellite filings for the Isle of Man under a contract with the Isle of Man Government's Communications Commission. Isle of Man's satellite filings are made to the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) in Geneva via the administration of the United Kingdom (Ofcom).

Established in May 1998, ManSat Limited is a Manx registered and Manx owned private limited company headquartered in Douglas in the Isle of Man, with offices and representation in the United Kingdom and the United States.

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