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PLANETSPACE announces that Canadian Arrow has received permission to launch from Cape Rich on Georgian Bay

Canadian Arrow has been granted permission to use Cape Rich located on the tip of Canadian Forces Meaford Range and Training Area for rocket test flights. Cape Rich is an ideal location for launch and recovery in the fresh waters of Georgian Bay.

The first test to be conducted at Cape Rich will be of the launch pad abort system. This is a critical safety system designed to pull the crew to safety should there be a problem on the launch pad. "We are very pleased to have gained permission to use the Meaford Range for our first rocket flights, said Geoff Sheerin, President and CEO of PLANETSPACE. "This location is perfect for our operations and we look forward to a launch later this year."

Canadian Arrow will be working closely with the Launch Safety Office at Transport Canada to secure a launch authorization for the pending escape tower test. Transport Canada will also co-ordinate with local police and coastguard during the planning and execution of the launch. Also on hand to recover the rocket components from the water will be Cross Current Divers of London Ontario. Cross Current Divers was instrumental in the successful recovery of the crew cabin (space capsule) after a drop test from 8,000 feet into Lake Ontario last year.

"We will also be working closely with the appropriate officials to plan for Canadian Arrow's first unmanned launch into space in 2006 and if all goes as planned Cape Rich will play a pivotal part in Canadian history over the next few years" Sheerin said.

Canadian Arrow continues to develop the concept of a launch from an offshore barge since this would open up the possibility of flights near other locations in the Great Lakes system.

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