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Gwynne Shotwell
President, SpaceX

Ms. Shotwell joined SpaceX in 2002 as Vice President of Business Development, developing SpaceX's customer base and managing strategic relations. As President, Ms. Shotwell's responsibilities include providing strategic direction to support company growth and development, as well as management of day-to-day operations at SpaceX. Her experience prior to SpaceX includes over ten years at the Aerospace Corporation where she held positions of increasing responsibility in Space Systems Engineering and Technology and Project Management. Highlights include promotion to Chief Engineer of an MLV-class Satellite program, managing a landmark study for the Federal Aviation Administration's on Commercial Space Transportation, and completing an extensive space policy analysis for NASA's future investment in space transportation. After Aerospace Corporation, Ms. Shotwell was recruited to be manager of the Space Systems Division at Microcosm, where she served on the Executive committee and directed corporate business development.

Ms. Shotwell received her Bachelor's and Master's Degree from Northwestern University in Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mathematics. She was Elected statewide to the Board of Directors, California Space Authority and serves on its Executive committee. She has also served as an officer of the Space Systems Technical Committee and the local Chapter of the AIAA. She has authored papers in a wide variety of areas including standardizing spacecraft/payload interfaces, conceptual small spacecraft design, infrared signature target modeling, Space Shuttle integration, and reentry vehicle operational risks.