



## **NovaNano to launch FlyMate with TsSKB-Progress on Soyuz**

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Spas Balinov, NovaNano Chief Executive Officer, announced today that NovaNano will provide in 2012 its first launch brokering service for small satellites on board a Soyuz launch vehicle launched from Baikonour Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

The contract signed today by NovaNano and TsSKB-Progress foresees the launch of NovaNano's FlyMate deployer onboard Progress manufactured and operated Soyuz 2 launch vehicle in August 2012 into a slightly elliptic low earth orbit. The main passenger of the Soyuz rocket will be Bion-M N1, a biological experiment capsule.

The FlyMate deployer, which is an in-house developed separation mechanism, will be fixed as an auxiliary passenger on the Bion-M N1 capsule. Once Soyuz will reach the final orbit, the Bion-M N1 capsule will separate from the rocket, will stabilize itself and will give order to the FlyMate to start its operations.

NovaNano will use FlyMate on this flight as a container to launch a single customer nano-satellite and to test in-orbit one of the in-house developed technology components for future applications.

"We are proud to launch with the launch vehicle belonging to the legendary family of rockets, which brought the first man to space and which have carried over 1700 launches over last 5 decades" said Mr. Balinov. "This launch is a first important step in proving our capacities and efficiency as the broker of access to space for small satellites".

### **About NovaNano**

NovaNano is French-based aerospace SME providing launch brokering services for small satellites and developing advanced nano-satellite systems.

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