

## MEMORANDUM

Fr: Kevin Knobloch and Michael Gerrard for the SCoPEX Advisory Committee  
To: Frank Keutsch, Principal Investigator, Solar Engineering Research Program, Harvard University  
Re: Letter Requesting Authorization for the Proposed Platform Test  
Dt: November 30, 2020

We appreciate the Letter Requesting Authorization for the Proposed Platform Test from the research team planned for June 2021 in Sweden and are writing to request additional details.

Please provide the Advisory Committee with the following at your earliest convenience:

1. Specifics about what you intend for the engineering test flight to accomplish.
  - a. What are the specific parameters/characteristics for this test?
2. Your reasons for shifting the launch to Sweden from a U.S. location.
3. The likely location and planned date of the launch and/or location options being considered. Do you anticipate any delays and if so why and how long a delay?
4. Contact information for your primary liaison at Swedish Space Corporation (SSC).
5. Information on that company's leadership and track record for similar launches.
6. Any additional information that is available about the timing of the launch.
7. Any materials documenting a legal review by Harvard or the balloon launch company of the planned launch in Sweden to ensure it will be in compliance with applicable Swedish regulations.

The Committee intends to complete financial, legal, and technical soundness reviews prior to this launch. We agree to finalize the financial and technical reviews by the 15th of February 2021 in order to make a final recommendation.

As we did for the planned U.S. launch, we intend to conduct our own independent legal review of the planned launch in Sweden and plan to retain a Swedish lawyer to assist in the review. We would like to put that lawyer (once selected) in touch with the launch company. We request your assistance in facilitating this contact. Our recommendation will be contingent upon a successful legal review that may take additional time beyond the February 15th deadline.

We look forward to your written response and would welcome receiving it by December 11th, 2020. Many thanks for your efforts in response to this request.