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Mr. Thompson has been Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Orbital Sciences Corporation since co-founding the company in 1982. Orbital is one of America's leading space-related R&D and manufacturing companies, with 2009 revenues of approximately \$1.2 billion and a workforce of 3,600 people. The company is the industry leader in providing smaller, more affordable space systems to commercial and government customers around the globe. Since the early 1980's, Orbital has built and delivered more than 700 rockets, satellites and other space systems, in support of commercial communications, Earth and space science, and national defense applications.

Before co-founding Orbital, Mr. Thompson was special assistant to the president of Hughes Aircraft Company's Missile Systems Group and was a project manager and engineer on advanced rocket engines at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center. As a college student, he worked on the first Mars landing missions at Caltech's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and on Space Shuttle projects at NASA's Langley Research Center and Johnson Space Center.

As a result of his work at Orbital, Mr. Thompson was awarded the National Medal of Technology, was honored as Virginia's Industrialist of the Year, and was named High-Technology Entrepreneur of the Year. In addition, he received the National Air and Space Museum Trophy from the Smithsonian Institution, was selected as Satellite Executive of the Year by Via Satellite Magazine, was recognized with the Arthur C. Clarke Lifetime Achievement Award, and was presented with the World Technology Award for Space by The Economist Magazine.

Mr. Thompson is a Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), the American Astronautical Society, and the Royal Aeronautical Society, and is a member of the U.S. National Academy of Engineering and the International Academy of Astronautics. He was recently elected as AIAA's President for the 2009-2010 year. He received a B.S. in Aeronautics and Astronautics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a M.S. in Aeronautics from California Institute of Technology, and a M.B.A. from Harvard Business School.