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## First Australian Space Beer Scheduled for November Flight Tests

Sydney, NSW, 21 September 2010— Saber Astronautics Australia has chosen the group “Astronauts For Hire” (A4H) as the contracted flight researchers in testing the world’s first beer to be certified for drinking in space. The beer, produced jointly by Saber Astronautics Australia and the 4-Pines Brewing Company (under the name Vostok Pty Ltd), is a recipe designed for easy drinking in microgravity while still being tasty here on Earth. It is available today for the general public as an Australian craft beer.

The 4-Pines and Saber Astronautics decided to produce the beer to meet expected demand from the soon to launch space tourism market, which will have over 80,000 passengers booked on suborbital flights starting in 2012. While there are rumors of astronauts having an occasional tippie, NASA currently forbids drinking in space—so formal studies on the effects of alcohol in space were never done.

This will be the non-profit organization Astronauts4Hire’s first employment opportunity. Their researcher will collect data on humanity’s first study on alcohol absorption in microgravity. Sampling the beer during weightless portions of the flight, A4H will record both qualitative data on beverage taste, drinkability characteristics. They will also record biometric data such as body temperature, heart rate, and blood alcohol content.

The first test is scheduled for mid November 2010 onboard a series of parabolic flights operated by the ZERO-G corporation. This will be the first of a series of flights qualifying the recipe for orbital consumption, funded in part by conventional sales on Earth.

The 4-Pines Brewing Company ([www.4pinesbeer.com.au](http://www.4pinesbeer.com.au)) is an up and coming microbrewery located right across Manly Beach near the wharf. They have made a name for themselves for their high quality beer which has recently won national and international awards for their purity and strong flavors.

Saber Astronautics Australia ([www.saberastro.com](http://www.saberastro.com)) is a new space engineering company which researches logistics and operations solutions for the space industry. They are also actively involved in bringing their passion for space to the public community.

Astronauts For Hire ([www.astronautsforhire.com](http://www.astronautsforhire.com)) is a non-profit corporation poised to blaze new trails in the commercial spaceflight industry. Its members are available for hire by researchers to conduct experiments on suborbital flights. As the gateway to commercial human spaceflight, Astronauts4Hire serves as the matchmaker among the suborbital research community, training providers, and spaceflight operators.

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