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POSSIBLE LAUNCH PAD TURNTABLE UNDER CONSTRUCTION  
TYURATAM SPACE LAUNCH SITE J1/2

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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: A COMPONENT FOR A POSSIBLE LAUNCH PAD TURNTABLE WAS ON THE APPROACH TO LAUNCH PAD J2 [REDACTED] 25X1
2. (SWN) REMARKS: A RING-SHAPED COMPONENT, POSSIBLY FOR A LAUNCH PAD TURNTABLE, WAS ON THE APPROACH TO LAUNCH PAD J2 WHICH IS UNDERGOING MODIFICATION AT TYURATAM SPACE LAUNCH SITE J1/2. THE COMPONENT HAS AN INNER DIAMETER OF APPROXIMATELY 20 METERS, AN OUTER DIAMETER OF 32 METERS AND A THICKNESS OF TWO METERS. THE DIMENSIONS OF THE COMPONENT ARE COMPATIBLE WITH THE 20-METER APERTURE AT LAUNCH PAD J2.  
  
(SWN) A TURNTABLE COULD BE USED TO ROTATE THE NEW HEAVY-LIFT LAUNCH VEHICLE (HLV), PROJECTED FOR THIS LAUNCH SITE, AFTER IT IS ERECTED TO FACILITATE HANDLING AND SERVICING. A TURNTABLE MAY ALSO BE REQUIRED TO ORIENT THE HLV INTO A PREFERRED LAUNCH AZIMUTH. IT CANNOT, HOWEVER, BE RULED OUT THAT THE COMPONENT IS A CONSTRUCTION COMPONENT TO REINFORCE THE LAUNCH PAD. TYURATAM SPACE LAUNCH SITE W [REDACTED], WHICH IS IN AN EARLIER STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION, IS ALSO ASSOCIATED WITH THE NEW HLV WHICH IS CURRENTLY UNDER DEVELOPMENT. [REDACTED]  
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3. (S) [REDACTED] COORDINATES 45-57-47N 063-18-27E 25X1

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