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Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency

**First Quasi-Zenith Satellite MICHIBIKI
Result of the Fourth Apogee Engine Firing**

The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) performed the fourth apogee engine firing (AEF) of the first quasi-zenith satellite “MICHIBIKI” for about 4 minutes from 6:25 a.m. on September 16, 2010 (Japan Standard Time, JST) by sending commands from the Perth station in Australia.

We have confirmed that the fourth AEF was successfully carried out through telemetry sent from the satellite.

The satellite is in good health.

(Scheduled next information release)

We plan to announce the orbit calculation result of the AEF this time and the fifth AEF schedule at around 11:00 a.m. on September 17 (JST).