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### **VIRGIN GALACTIC MOTHERSHIP "EVE" FLYS OVER LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO**

LAS CRUCES, NM – Virgin Galactic's WhiteKnightTwo vehicle flew over the Las Cruces International Airport at approximately 9:30 AM MST on Saturday, June 20. The aircraft was originally scheduled to fly over Southern New Mexico on Friday, June 19, as part of the groundbreaking ceremonies for Spaceport America. However, a minor technical issue with an actuator and approaching thunderstorms compelled the WhiteKnightTwo to make a technical stop in Phoenix. The flight was completed the next morning.

Making its eleventh test flight, the WhiteKnightTwo arrived over the Las Cruces International Airport Saturday morning and circled the facility three times. The aircraft made a low pass over the runway and flew out over the city of Las Cruces before beginning its return trip to Mojave, California.

Spaceport America is the world's first purpose-built commercial spaceport. WhiteKnightTwo is Virgin Galactic's mother ship for the company's SpaceShipTwo, a vehicle that will transport passengers from Spaceport America to the edge of space. Spaceport America is expected to begin construction in July and is scheduled for completion in late 2010 or early 2011.

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