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Why Hybrid Airships
More than two-thirds of the world’s land area and more than half the world’s population have no direct access to paved roads. As you move farther away from infrastructure, cost, time and the safety of transport becomes more of a challenge. Hybrid Airships will enable affordable and safe delivery of heavy cargo and personnel to virtually anywhere – water or land, in normal flying weather conditions – with little to no infrastructure. Hybrid Airships also burn much less fuel than conventional aircraft. For many projects, the combination of these capabilities makes Hybrid Airships the best economic choice and an environmentally friendly alternative to traditional modes of transportation.

Proven Technology
The technologies required for Hybrid Airships are mature and have been demonstrated in-flight. In 2006, the half scale prototype vehicle, P-791, flew in Palmdale, Calif. and successfully completed all flight test objectives. The two-man proof-of-concept featured fully functional digital flight controls and an air cushion landing system (ACLS).

Anatomy of an Airship
Simple
- Design focus – maximize simplicity and toughness
- Large flexible capacity with outsized capability
- Built for cargo

Safe
- Low maneuvering speed/hover
- Helium lift is continuous (no stall)
- State-of-the-art flight control, navigation and avionics

Sustainable
- Quiet on ground and in air
- Low environmental impact
- Minimal infrastructure
- Low fuel burn and carbon emissions

Savings
- Reduced infrastructure
- Lower fuel cost
- Superior availability – operates in all seasons

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