

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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# INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *	Statement (MM)		(DD/YYYY)		Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol				
Spice Adam C.		8/25/2021		Rocket Lab USA, Inc. [RKLB]					
(Last) (First) (Middle)  C/O ROCKET LAB USA,		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner							
INC., 3881 MCGOWEN STREET		X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chief Financial Officer /							
(Street) LONG BEACH, CA 90808		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(MM/DD/YYYY)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City) (State) (Zip)									
	Tab	le I - Non-D	erivative Secu	urities Benefic	ially Owned				
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)			Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) (			t (Instr. 5)			
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)									
1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 4)  2. Date Exercisable Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY)		ate	3. Title and A Securities Un Derivative So (Instr. 4)	nderlying	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)			
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	8/3/2028	Common Stock	5121651	\$1.09	D			
Earnout Rights (option)	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	413876	(2)	D			

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

- (1) The stock option was granted on August 3, 2018, and had a vesting commencement date of May 25, 2018. 1/4 of the shares subject to the stock option vest on the one year anniversary of the vesting commencement date, and 1/48 of the shares subject to the stock option vest on a monthly basis each month thereafter, subject, in each case, to the reporting person's continued service relationship through each applicable vesting date.
- (2) Each earnout right represents a contingent right (based on the reporting person's ownership of stock options) to receive one share of the issuer's common stock. The earnout rights vest upon the issuer's common stock achieving a closing price per share equal to or greater than \$20.00 for a period of at least 20 trading days out of 30 consecutive trading days during the period commencing on the 90th day following August 25, 2021 and ending on the 180th day following August 25, 2021. If the earnout rights vest, the reporting person's stock option will be adjusted to relate to an additional number of shares of the issuer's common stock equal to the number of earnout rights that vest, with no corresponding adjustment to the aggregate exercise price of such option. If the target closing stock price is not achieved during such period, the earnout rights will be forfeited.

#### Remarks:

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
reporting Owner Ivame / Address	Name / Address Relations Director 10% Owner Officer		Officer	Other		
Spice Adam C.						

C/O ROCKET LAB USA, INC. 3881 MCGOWEN STREET LONG BEACH, CA 90808	Chief Financial Officer	
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## **Signatures**

/s/ Robert M.P. Hurwitz, as Attorney-in-Fact for Adam C. Spice	9/7/2021
Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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# LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR ROCKET LAB USA, INC. SECTION 16(a) FILINGS

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Robert M.P. Hurwitz, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer, director and/or stockholder of Rocket Lab USA, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms ID, 3, 4, and 5 and amendments thereto in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and the rules thereunder;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form ID, 3, 4, or 5 or amendment thereto and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be necessary or desirable in connection with the foregoing authority, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms ID, 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities of the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact. This Power of Attorney shall expire as to any individual attorney-in-fact if such attorney-in-fact ceases to be an employee of the Company. This Power of Attorney may be filed with the SEC as a confirming statement of the authority granted herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this  $24 \, \text{th}$  day of August, 2021.

Signature: /s/ Adam Spice

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Print Name: Adam Spice

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