

SpaceX capsule back on solid ground after flight

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This Thursday, May 31, 2012 photo provided by SpaceX shows the Dragon spacecraft on a ship in the Pacific Ocean. The capsule arrived by barge at the Port of Los Angeles on Tuesday, June 5, 2012. The unmanned supply ship splashed into the Pacific, west of Baja California, Thursday following an unprecedented trip to the International Space Station. (AP Photo/SpaceX)

(AP) — The history-making Dragon spacecraft is back on solid ground.

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A SpaceX spokeswoman says the Dragon is now headed to the

company's rocket factory in McGregor, Texas, for unloading. Space station astronauts filled the capsule with 1,400 pounds (635 kilograms) of old equipment.

The California-based SpaceX is the first private business to send a cargo ship to the space station. It hopes to launch another in September.

NASA is counting on companies like [SpaceX](#) to deliver groceries and, eventually, astronauts to orbit.

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