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PROCEDURES FOR ESTABLISHING THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL AND PERMANENT MOON BASE

Abstract

The economic and political realities of the 21st Century are compelling public and private agencies alike to find new ways to cooperate in expensive space programs; a recommendation is that we create a new space infrastructure that intertwines their respective capabilities. The 7-part formula for procedures for establishing the First Permanent Moon Base are as follows:

1. Use an established and neutral authority to coordinate and manage the procedural aspects and to work with all participating agencies and companies and individuals.

2. Cooperation is required to set down rules of the road for this First Public-Private and international space infrastructure for Moon development for human habitation: this purely procedural format focuses on who, what, when and why. It does not focus on the final design, size, cost, place, capacity and purposes yet.

3. Eventually establish a consensus forming procedure for getting a project done and deciding on substantial matters and costs.

4. Maintain an Authority Bank that will convert national currency into one commonly used space currency for all space projects sponsored by the Authority.

5. Permit construction of safe and relevant facilities on the Moon or beneath the surface and impact the completed facilities and otherwise assist the public and/or private promoters of facilities. It impliedly will need to regulate resource utilization on the Moon by consensus rules also. The Authority would not select astronauts, workers, crew, or guests.

6. The Authority could never become a nation by virtue of its own organic documents. It exists to serve the multi-national team of entities that care to participate in the First International Moon Base. This Authority is a governing group only for development purposes.

7. If this model works here, it may continue as needed for space development purposes and future lunar missions in particular. Eventual solar system exploration would become more hands-on from this Moon base.