

Moon Express: Pioneering the Lunar Frontier

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Moon Express is a Silicon Valley backed commercial enterprise that's partnered with NASA to develop low cost lunar access with the long term vision of developing lunar resources for the benefit of life on Earth and our future in space.

The Moon Express "lunar railroad" will provide cost effective exploration and development of Earth's eighth continent. In the near future, Moon Express will not only be delivering important payloads to the Moon but will also be exploring the Moon for the potential of mining precious materials we need here on Earth, with the goal of returning lunar samples to Earth for science and commercial purposes.

In this talk Bob Richards outlines how carefully planned private Moon missions could set in motion the technological, political, legal and regulatory precedents that will allow humanity to rationally and peacefully embrace and develop the Moon as the world's eighth continent.