



# FIREHAWK

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## Lunar Transport System

Lunar Resource Demand Forecast  
(2027-2036)

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# Firehawk Aerospace

- Firehawk Aerospace, based in Melbourne, FL is a rocket engine design and manufacturing company. Our firm has developed a new advanced hybrid rocket technology called **3D-Ultra™**, a high-performance rocket engine design and production system that can produce rocket engines at only 20% of the cost of comparable liquid bi-propellant rocket engines. 3D-Ultra is backed by five U.S. utility patents.
- We design custom engines for clients in 6 months and complete testing and begin manufacturing in less than a year. Our engines are immune to accidental detonation and are not prone to failure due to their mechanical simplicity. Our propellants are long-term storable on vehicle for immediate use.
- With encouragement from NASA senior leadership, Firehawk Aerospace has been developing a variant of our rocket engine codenamed **ICEALOX** that can make use of **lunar natural resources** for refueling on the lunar surface, in cis-lunar space, or in Earth orbit.
- ICEALOX engine tests are planned to start at the NASA Stennis Space Center during Q1 2021.
- A technology demonstration mission featuring lunar surface refueling is being planned by our firm and our partners for late 2025.
- Lunar produced propellants for customer spacecraft refueling is expected to ramp up upon successful completion of the demonstration mission.



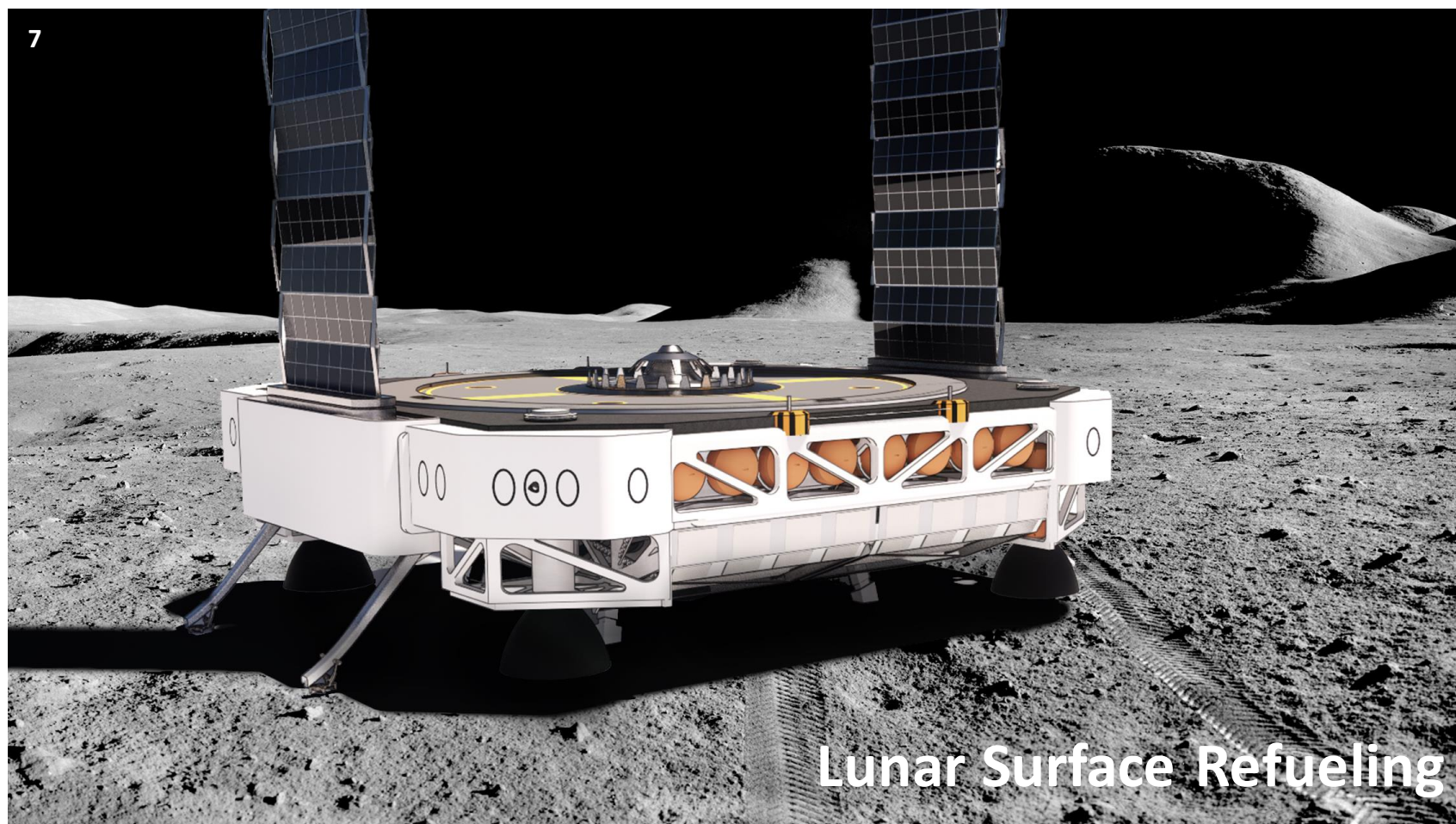
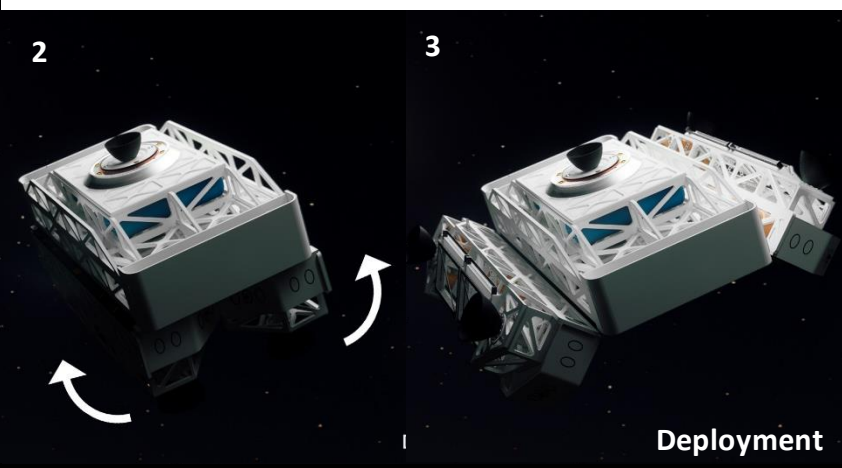
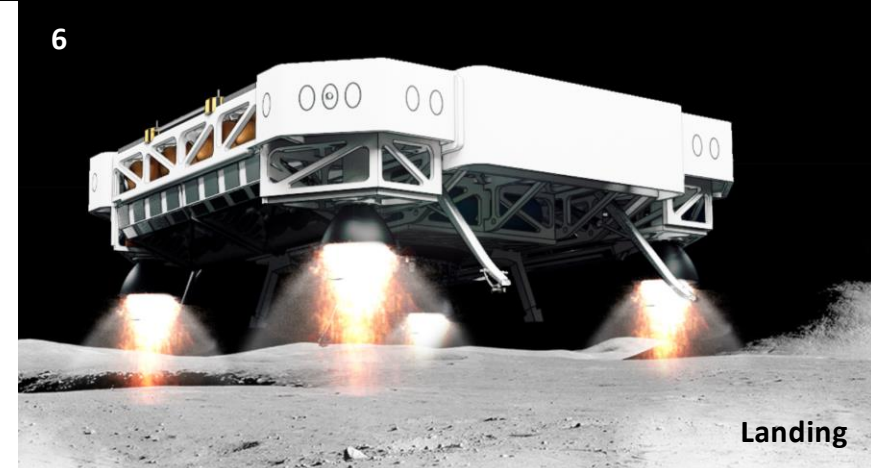
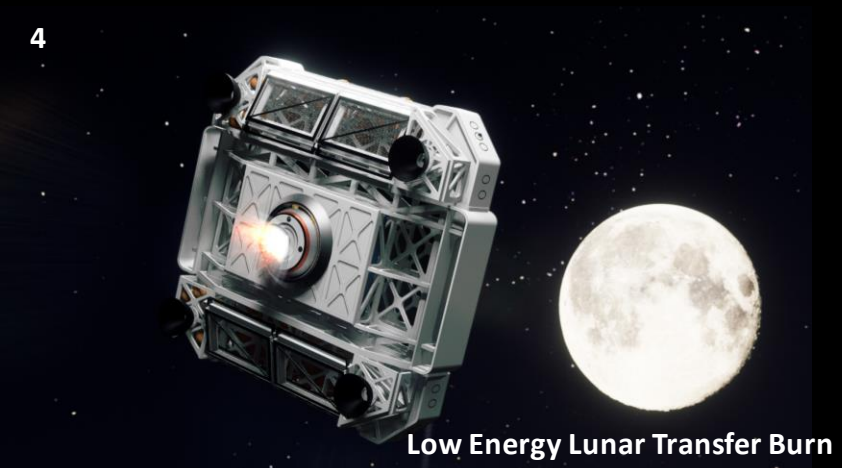
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3D-Ultra Rocket Engine Test  
Florida Tech, Palm Bay, Florida



# ICEALOX Refueling Demonstration



# 10-Year Refueling Forecast by Type of Spacecraft

Powered by Firehawk Propulsion Systems



10-year mission forecast (not shown)

- **Small Lunar Landers (~20,000 lbf thrust) – Autonomous**
  - Capability: Earth orbit to Moon, Moon to L1/ L2, Gateway, Earth GEO Orbit
- **Cislunar Transport Vehicles (~40,000 lbf thrust) – Autonomous**
  - Capability: Moon to Earth GEO Orbit, Moon to Gateway/L1/L2, Gateway/L1/L2 to Moon
- **Cislunar Transport Vehicles (~120,000 lbf thrust) - Manned**
  - Capability: Earth orbit to Gateway, Gateway to L1/L2, Gateway to Moon, L1/L2 to Gateway, Gateway to Earth Geo Orbit, Earth GEO Orbit to Gateway
- **Space Exploration Vehicles (~250,000 lbf thrust) – Manned or Unmanned**
  - Capability: Refueled at Gateway Station after arriving from Earth orbit - Gateway to Mars, Asteroid Belt, Mars/Asteroid Belt to Gateway Station
- **Lunar Colonization Vehicles (250,000 lbf thrust) – Autonomous**
  - Capability: Earth orbit to Moon, Moon to Earth GEO Orbit
- **Lunar Hoppers (40,000 lbf thrust) – Autonomous**
  - Capability: Moon Refueling Station (S. Pole) to Moon locations and Moon locations to Moon Refueling Station
- **Lunar Hoppers (80,000 lbf thrust) – Manned**
  - Capability: Moon Refueling Station (S. Pole) to Moon locations and Moon locations to Moon Refueling Station)



# Required Resource Acquisition

## Water

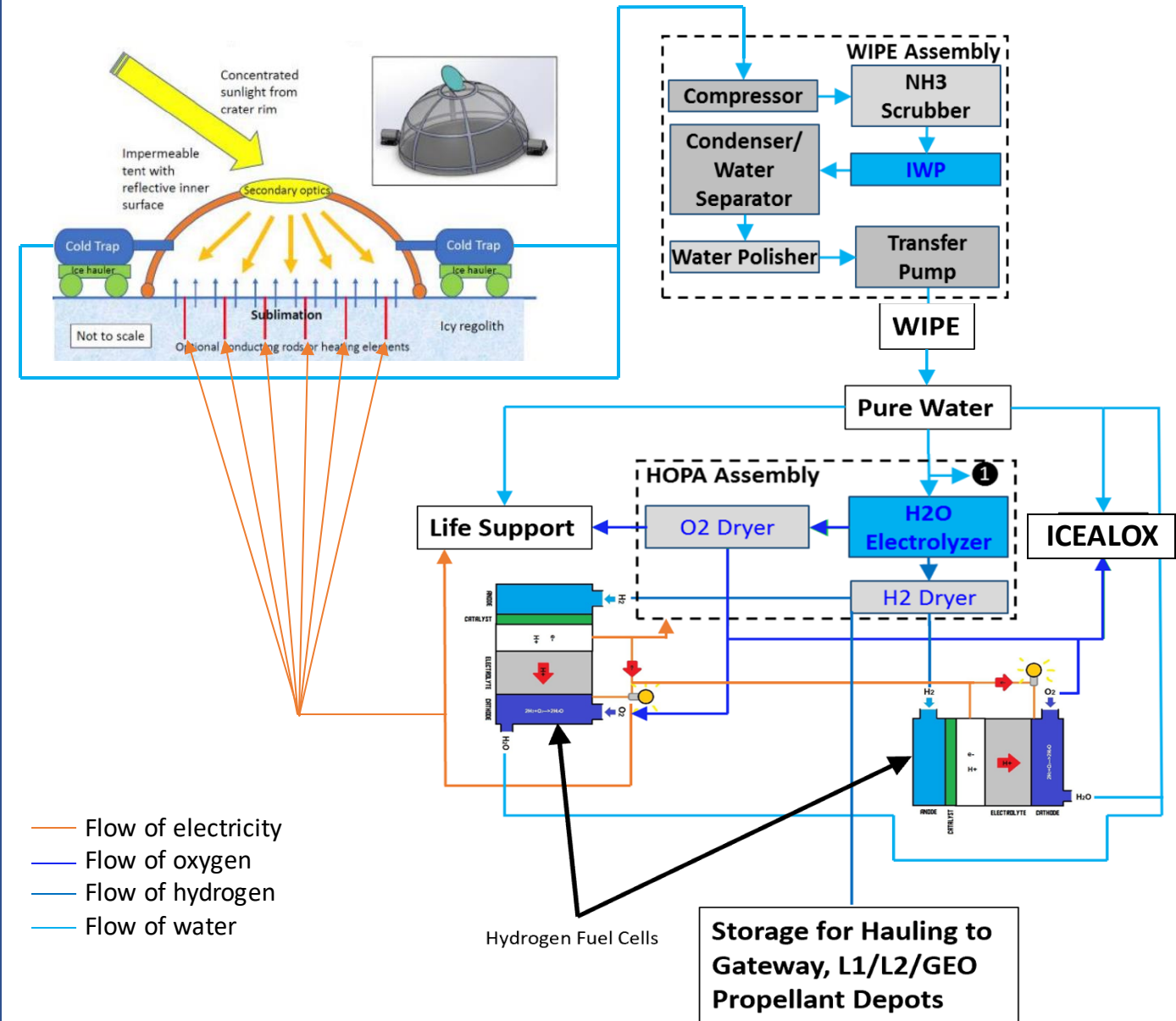
Sublimate icy regolith inside a “tent” via concentrated sunlight that has been directed via heliostats on the crater rim and/or conducting rods inside surfaces. Capture water vapor and other gaseous impurities from regolith into tent and vent into cold traps, where refreezing occurs. Utilize WIPE subassembly to remove excess impurities from water for use as propellant.

## Oxygen

Deliver water to life support systems, LRRE and HOPA. HOPA electrolyzes water to produce hydrogen and oxygen, and then dries it. Additional oxygen can be created as a byproduct of carbochlorination. Oxygen is delivered to life support systems, hydrogen fuel cells, and ICEALOX. Hydrogen is delivered to hydrogen fuel cells.

## Aluminum

Separate anorthite from lunar regolith via multi-stage fractional crystallization and distillation as well as a final hydraulic washing (gravity separation) process. Use carbochlorination plant to separate Aluminum from anorthite.



# Lunar Resource Demand based on 10-Year Mission Forecast

## Water (lbs)

| Delivery     | Moon to Gateway | Moon to EML1/2 | Moon to Earth GEO | Moon to Mars Surface | Moon to Asteroid Belt | <u>TOTAL</u>   |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Year         |                 |                |                   |                      |                       |                |
| 2027         | 503.61          | 70.070         | 89.536            | 0                    | 0                     | <b>663.22</b>  |
| 2028         | 2055.90         | 426.17         | 723.63            | 0                    | 0                     | <b>3205.7</b>  |
| 2029         | 4650            | 1004.0         | 3246.9            | 0                    | 0                     | <b>8900.9</b>  |
| 2030         | 10445           | 2760.4         | 7496.4            | 0                    | 0                     | <b>20702</b>   |
| 2031         | 16778           | 5409.4         | 13216             | 0                    | 0                     | <b>35403</b>   |
| 2032         | 26339           | 8367.3         | 19507             | 0                    | 0                     | <b>54213</b>   |
| 2033         | 35901           | 12812          | 32273             | 0*                   | 0                     | <b>80986</b>   |
| 2034         | 45461           | 14761          | 45397             | 0*                   | 0                     | <b>105619</b>  |
| 2035         | 50719           | 16870          | 58522             | 0*                   | 0*                    | <b>126111</b>  |
| 2036         | 53488           | 18506          | 62964             | 0*                   | 0*                    | <b>134958</b>  |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | <b>246341</b>   | <b>80967</b>   | <b>243437</b>     | <b>0</b>             | <b>0</b>              | <b>570,745</b> |

\* Spacecraft using propellant sourced from lunar surface that are stored at Gateway

# Lunar Resource Demand based on 10-Year Mission Forecast

## Oxygen (lbs)

| Delivery     | Moon to Gateway | Moon to EML1/2 | Moon to Earth GEO | Moon to Mars Surface | Moon to Asteroid Belt | <u>TOTAL</u>     |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Year         |                 |                |                   |                      |                       |                  |
| 2027         | 1353.8          | 188.36         | 240.69            | 0                    | 0                     | <b>1782.9</b>    |
| 2028         | 5526.6          | 1145.6         | 1945.2            | 0                    | 0                     | <b>8617.4</b>    |
| 2029         | 12500           | 2698.8         | 8728.3            | 0                    | 0                     | <b>23927</b>     |
| 2030         | 28077           | 7420.4         | 20152             | 0                    | 0                     | <b>55649</b>     |
| 2031         | 45101           | 14541          | 35529             | 0                    | 0                     | <b>95171</b>     |
| 2032         | 70804           | 22493          | 52437             | 0                    | 0                     | <b>145734</b>    |
| 2033         | 96507           | 34443          | 86755             | 0*                   | 0                     | <b>217705</b>    |
| 2034         | 122210          | 39681          | 122040            | 0*                   | 0                     | <b>283931</b>    |
| 2035         | 136342          | 45295          | 157320            | 0*                   | 0*                    | <b>338957</b>    |
| 2036         | 143785          | 49748          | 169260            | 0*                   | 0*                    | <b>362793</b>    |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | <b>662207</b>   | <b>217654</b>  | <b>653960</b>     | <b>0</b>             | <b>0</b>              | <b>1,533,821</b> |

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# Lunar Resource Demand based on 10-Year Mission Forecast

## Aluminum (lbs)

| Delivery     | Moon to Gateway | Moon to EML1/2 | Moon to Earth GEO | Moon to Mars Surface | Moon to Asteroid Belt | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Year         |                 |                |                   |                      |                       |              |
| 2027         | 37.907          | 5.2740         | 6.7392            | 0                    | 0                     | 49.920       |
| 2028         | 154.75          | 32.077         | 54.467            | 0                    | 0                     | 241.29       |
| 2029         | 350.00          | 75.568         | 244.39            | 0                    | 0                     | 669.96       |
| 2030         | 786.16          | 207.77         | 564.25            | 0                    | 0                     | 1558.2       |
| 2031         | 1262.8          | 407.15         | 994.81            | 0                    | 0                     | 2664.8       |
| 2032         | 1982.5          | 629.80         | 1468.2            | 0                    | 0                     | 4080.5       |
| 2033         | 2702.2          | 964.42         | 2429.2            | 0*                   | 0                     | 6095         |
| 2034         | 3421.9          | 1111.1         | 3417.0            | 0*                   | 0                     | 7950         |
| 2035         | 3817.6          | 1268.3         | 4404.9            | 0*                   | 0*                    | 9490.8       |
| 2036         | 4026.0          | 1392.9         | 4739.2            | 0*                   | 0*                    | 10158        |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | 18542           | 6094.4         | 18323             | 0                    | 0                     | 42,959       |

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# Mission and Spacecraft Development Challenges

- Lunar Regolith Excavation, Separation and Refinement
- Electric Power Generation
- Temperature Regulation
- Materials Selection – Lunar Temperature Extremes, Vacuum, and Dust Issues
- Orbital Mechanics / Trajectory Simulations
- Spacecraft Robotics – Refueling, Off-Loading / On-Loading, Autonomous and Human-In-The-Loop
- GNC / Hazard Detection – Autonomous Landing / Launch Systems
- Lunar Topography – Exploration and Navigation

**We are looking for additional qualified partners and suppliers.**

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