

Two questions about Odysseus

Hi Josh,

My name is ██████████ and I am one of the administrators at the Wikipedia Editors Guild. First I would like to congratulate you, Steve Altemus, Tim Crain, and all of the diligent staff at IM for your successful landing on the Moon! That having been gladly said, I now have two "working" questions for you:

1. We are reasonably certain that Odysseus is the very first methalox powered spacecraft to land on the surface of an off-world celestial body, but per Wikipedia's rules, we cannot publish this as an IM "first," unless somebody else involved has published this fact first, even if only in a letter from Steve Altemus to us at the Wikipedia Editors Guild stating Steve's belief in this fact, would be enough to qualify as having been published under our rules, so then we could publish it in Wikipedia. Would you be able to either have IM make an official press announcement that IM has accomplished this, or else have Steve send us a letter stating his belief in this? If you publish it and then call me to let me know that it's been published, I will certainly publish it in Wikipedia the very next day. (My phone number is ██████████.)
2. Also if possible, could you please email me a copy of the photo showing the Odysseus lander on the surface of the moon canted at a 30° angle, but without the Intuitive Machines branding in the lower right corner? Wikipedia would love to publish this photograph (or any other similar photograph which makes it clear to a typical reader that Odysseus did take photographs after it had landed on the Moon). Unfortunately, per Wikipedia policy you would have to allow us to publish this one photograph (or one like it) without any branding on the picture, and also without any other courtesy notices listing IM as the owners of the photo. Would you be able to provide us with such a photo? If not, that is OK and we will understand.

Thank you for your attention to my humble requests and again I also thank you for the wonderful work that you and your company are doing for all of mankind!

Thanks kindly,

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██████████, Wikipedia Editors Guild



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Wikipedia Editors Guild,

On February 22, 2024 at approximately 17:24 CST, Intuitive Machines landed the first liquid methane and liquid oxygen-powered spacecraft on an off-world celestial body. In addition, the IM-1 mission marked the first liquid methane and liquid oxygen engine firing beyond low earth orbit.

We're happy to provide the image you requested, which is attached to this email.

The Wikipedia Editors Guild is responsible for infinite value to humanity, and I appreciate the work y'all do.

Best,

Stephen J. Altemus

Co-Founder, CEO

Intuitive Machines

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