

Planetary Resources Pre-Possession: The Other 1/0th of the Law

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Claim of Ownership

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This document is to certify that I, **Charles Wesley Faires**, have claimed ownership of the stars **Alnilam, Alnitak, and Mintaka**, the three stars that make up **Orion's Belt**, along with any planetary systems within the gravitational system of these stars.

Basis for Ownership

The **Moon Treaty of 1967** signed by the U.S. and Russian governments, along with some member nations of the U.N. states that the governments of the parties involved in the treaty may not claim ownership of celestial bodies.

"Outer space, including the moon and other celestial bodies, is not subject to national appropriation by claim of sovereignty, by means of use or occupation, or by any other means."
(Article 2)

This mentions nothing about **individuals**. The basis of my ownership, therefore, is that no country's government can **deny** my claim to ownership

The United Nations is not a government and thus cannot pass laws on private citizens of its member nations.

Note: Charles Wesley Faires switches usage of the 1st and 3rd person throughout this document. Just ignore that, please.

Ownership Entails:

1. As previously mentioned, the stars **Alnilam, Alnitak and Mintaka**, within the defined "**Orion Constellation**" in the Milky Way Galaxy. This means the entire solid mass of the star, **and any light emanating from them**, discussed under heading 4.
2. To avoid any discrepancy, in the event that there are constellations and stars that have been given the same name, the proper accepted astronomical denotation for these stars is as follows:

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* All stars are approximately 20 times the mass of the sun.



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	<u>Alnitak</u>	<u>Alnilam</u>	<u>Mintaka</u>
Distance (light years).....	800	1340	915
Scientific Name.....	Zeta Orionis	Epsilon Orionis	Delta Orionis

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Law of the Sea Treaty (1982)

Article 136

The Area and its resources are the common heritage of mankind.

Article 137

Legal status of the Area and its resources

1. No State shall claim or exercise sovereignty or sovereign rights over any part of the Area or its resources, **nor shall any State or natural or juridical person appropriate any part thereof.** No such claim or exercise of sovereignty or sovereign rights nor such appropriation shall be recognized.
2. **All rights in the resources of the Area are vested in mankind as a whole, on whose behalf the Authority shall act.** These resources are not subject to alienation. The minerals recovered from the Area, however, may only be alienated in accordance with this Part and the rules, regulations and procedures of the Authority.
3. No State or **natural or juridical person shall claim, acquire or exercise rights with respect to the minerals recovered from the Area** except in accordance with this Part. Otherwise, no such claim, acquisition or exercise of such rights shall be recognized.

Moon Treaty (1979)

- ◆ Article 11: Establishes the Moon and other celestial bodies *within the solar system* as “Common Heritage of Mankind”
- ◆ Directly forbids property rights for “natural persons”
- ◆ Proposes an international regime for resource governance
- ◆ Only 5 signatories at the end of negotiations, left for dead in 1982

Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948)

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1. Everyone has the right to property
2. No one should be arbitrarily denied the right to property

LOST and Moon Treaty = Massive violation of Human Rights.

Committee on Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

The source of Space Law: 60-100 delegates from nations party to Outer Space Treaty.

2008 Attendance as delegation from private sector

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◆ Attempted to forbid private property claims

- ◆ Article 11: Moon is not subject to national appropriation (same as Article II -O.S.T.)
- ◆ Neither the surface nor the subsurface of the Moon, nor any part thereof or natural resources in place, shall become property of any State, international intergovernmental or non-governmental organization, national organization or non-governmental entity or of any natural person.

Proof that Outer Space Treaty didn't forbid private property claims

- ◆ Outer Space Treaty: **Neutral** on private property, over 100 nations signed
- ◆ Moon Treaty: **Forbids** private property, only 13 countries signed

Sheer existence is a thorn in the side of Outer Space Law, prevents moving forward.

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