

Interstellar, Inc.

PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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In response to some recently reported failed third party attempts at close space exploration, **Interstellar, Inc.** is pleased to announce considerably more ambitious endeavours, in particular our soon to be launched manned expedition to the *Proxima Centaurii* solar system, which happens to be closest to home, at a mere 40 trillion kilometers from Earth¹.

After thorough research and computation, **Interstellar, Inc.** has come to the conclusion that the enterprise will be quite a cinch, since it will only require the following:

1. Extract and collect all (100%) of the known underground deposits of liquid petroleum, natural gas, and coal, which are made available by the substitution of green energy;
2. Devise a method for concentrating said fuels more than 50,000-fold to largely exceed the current energy density of the fuel used in nuclear power plants;
3. Build a rocket large enough to accommodate all said highly concentrated fuel;
4. Install on top a space capsule half the size of the International Space Station;
5. Provide accommodation for a crew of 8 (eight) of both chromosomic categories;
6. Provide a system for recycling as much as 99% of bodily fluids and nutrients;
7. Devise an appropriate shield to protect the ground from the severity of the blast when the fuel is ignited;
8. Fire the engines and catapult the 12 million metric ton spaceship towards *Proxima Centaurii*, the rocket being only three thousand times as heavy as the largest rocket ever built;
9. Wait 1,793 years (one thousand seven hundred and ninety three years, including one year on location) for the surviving descendants of the explorers to apprise our surviving descendants of whatever their ancestors saw, in whatever common language subsists;
10. If they found nothing, launch again to another distant solar system. Using the same resources, the roundtrip to the outermost system in our galaxy can be done in a little less than 45 million years.

Interstellar, Inc. is pleased and honored to announce the immediate launch of operations, provided your financial donations are made available in short order so as not to miss the current precious window of opportunity. Be kind enough to circle the appropriate amount below:

\$0	\$100	\$1,000	\$100,000	€117,085.37	\$1,000,000	Other
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Cashier's checks only, please.

¹ As a caveat, which we are legally bound to state, there is no guarantee that any planet worthwhile visiting will be encountered in the vicinity of the star, and no existing space telescope could differentiate from such distance anything smaller than an object 2,000 times the diameter of Earth, but, what the heck, are we the Modern Magellans, or are we not?