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| Radical Enterpris   | ing Agricultural  |
| Progressive Advancin  | g Ores  |
| Conservative Indifferen                                     | t Radioactives  |
| Reactionary Stagnant  | Gems & Crystals   |
| AGGRESSIVENESS  | Petrochemicals  |
| Attitude Action   | Processed Resources   |
| Expansionistic Militant                                     | X Agricultural  |
| Competetive Neutral   | Alloys  |
| Unaggressive Peaceab  | le Agroproducts   |
| Passive Conciliate  | Agiopiodocia  |
| EXTENSIVENESS   | Manufactured Resources                                      |
| Global Interstellar   | ☐ Weapons   |
| Monolithic Xenophil   | ic Mechanical Parts (Medical)                               |
| Harmonious  Friendly  | Heavy Equipment   |
| Discordant Aloof  | ☐ Electronics   |
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Cultural Profile Form IS Form 22 (Reverse) Cultural Profile Form

# TRAVELLER <sup>5</sup>

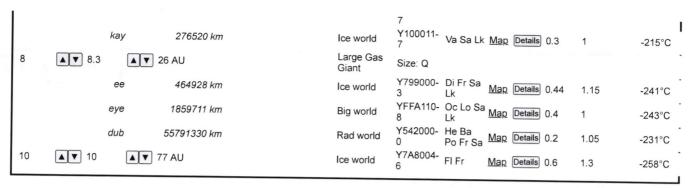
Science Fiction Adventure in the Far Future

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 Rad world Y300000-0

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|         | kay              | 579040 kn           | 1          | Storm world        | Y8FA011-<br>7 | Wa Sa<br>Lk          | <u>Map</u> | Details | 0.8       | 1                        | -206°C      |
| 3       | ▲▼ 2.8           | 0.94 AU             |            | Inferno            | YCB0000-<br>0 | - He Ba<br>Co        | <u>Map</u> | Details | 0.44      | 1.8                      | -8°C        |
|         | gee              | 151840 kn           | 1          | Hospitable         | G140643-<br>5 | De Ni Po<br>Co Sa Lk | <u>Map</u> | Details | 0.19      | 1.05                     | -49°C       |
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| 4       | ▲▼ 3.9           | ] 1.54 AU           |            | Ice world          | Y640120-<br>4 | De He Lo<br>Po       | <u>Map</u> | Details | 0.2       | 1.05                     | -100°C      |
| 5       | <b>▲▼</b> 5.1    | 3.04 AU             |            | Rad world          | Y751000-<br>0 | Ba Po Fr             | <u>Map</u> | Details | 0.18      | 1.05                     | -147°C      |
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| 7       | ▲▼ 6.9           | 9.55 AU             |            | Ice world          | Y435031-      | Fr                   | <u>Map</u> | Details | 0.19      | 1                        | -206°C      |
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1 1 Historic Office Building (275 yrs, Formerly Gov. Offices)

2(33) Protected Kelp Prairie (Imillionyrs)

3(15) Historic School of Christian Faith (50yrs)

4(46) Specialty lodging (150 yrs, Coreat Service)

561) Hunting Excursion (Undersea)

6 (52) Ancient's Facility, small

**Library Data: Hephaistos Company** 

Classification: Corporate – Interstellar Megacorporation

Status: Active

#### Overview:

The *Hephaistos Company* is a long-standing interstellar conglomerate with broad interests in high-tech manufacturing, genetic science, and advanced materials. Although it operates below the scale and visibility of the biggest megacorporations, Hephaistos is generally regarded as a mega-corp by most commercial and regulatory standards due to its reach, influence, and market integration.

#### **Operations:**

Founded nearly 1,000 years ago, Hephaistos maintains headquarters facilities on all subsector capitals and numerous major worlds, with a particularly dense presence across the Solomani Rim. Its business portfolio includes:

- Advanced metallurgy and alloy fabrication
- Starship components and structural composites
- Genetic engineering and human augmentation
- Defense contracting for elite military-grade modifications

Hephaistos is one of the approved suppliers of the *Federation Standard Military Genetic Suite*, a set of enhancements widely adopted by frontline and elite forces. The company is also responsible for several prominent strains of human hybrid variants currently in use across colonized space.

### **Historical Research:**

In the early centuries of its development, Hephaistos engaged in exploratory studies into psionics. These involved controlled exposures of test subjects—sometimes children—to exotic materials and controlled radiation spectra. While the program generated significant internal data, public consensus holds these experiments as unsuccessful, yielding little more than isolated anecdotes and unreliable "parlor trick" phenomena. Most scientists today dismiss those early psionic investigations as inconclusive at best, pseudoscientific at worst.

## **Assets:**

Hephaistos holds corporate dominion over the planet *Hephaistos*, located just rimward of the Sol Subsector in the Gemini Subsector. The planet functions as a secure industrial base, R&D facility, and corporate stronghold with limited public access. Its status as a private world enhances the company's ability to pursue sensitive development and experimental work away from broader scrutiny.

#### **Notable Controversies:**

Despite its technological contributions, the company retains a shadowed reputation due to its early psionic experimentation programs and persistent rumors of deep-black genetic research. Regulatory bodies continue to monitor its activities closely, though no formal charges have been brought in recent decades.

#### Affiliations:

- Registered Terran Federation Contractor
- Supplier to multiple planetary militias and private security entities
- Known subcontractor to Federal Science Bureau (limited disclosure)

A98A776-B -111°C Hephaistos Wa Ri Noble Estate Exotic Terrain Ice cap Island Mountain Chasm Scale Starport Wasteland Precipice Ocean Resource

**Subject:** Hephaistos Company – Forlorn Projects

Access Level: Restricted Catalog Ref: SC-2123.8F.HP

#### Overview:

The Hephaistos Company maintained multiple high-level experimental projects on the planet Forlorn, a remote colony with minimal regulatory oversight. Forlorn was used as a staging ground for long-term scientific ventures deemed too ethically sensitive or legally tenuous for more secure corporate installations. In 2962, a planetary-scale rebellion triggered by exploitative administration practices began. Despite repression attempts by the company, their defeat slowly came ending in a forced the evacuation of Hephaistos personnel and the abandonment of several major assets in 3000. The loss of these projects remains a significant strategic and financial blow to the company and more importantly a problem for the Federation.

# Project Prometheus-Vault (Formerly Element 0 Exposure Control Study)

Initiated: circa 700+ years ago

Scope: Project Prometheus-Vault originated during Hephaistos' early psionic experimentation phase. A cohort of high-response subjects were exposed to carefully calibrated chemical, radiological, and material compounds in pursuit of predictable psionic activation. Though most test groups perished or were permanently disabled, a small percentage exhibited active psionic capabilities alongside advanced neuroplasticity and accelerated learning rates.

To avoid violating early Federation laws on human experimentation, successful subjects were placed in indefinite cryostasis, exploiting a legal loophole: unconscious subjects were not technically experiencing harm. These cryo-subjects were held in deep vaults beneath Hephaistos' Forlorn research complex, largely forgotten after later methods yielded more consistent (though less potent) results.

Recovered insurgent logs suggest that rebel forces inadvertently reawakened these individuals during their looting of Hephaistos compounds. Several of the revived subjects are now unaccounted for. Intelligence indicates at least three survivors demonstrated sustained psionic talents, including remote perception, suggestion, and short-range telekinetics. Their whereabouts remain unknown.

Project Aegis-Whisper (White Globe Drive Ship)

Scope: This classified propulsion and power-generation program centered on the integration of an "Ancients-derived" white globe energy core into a next-generation deep-space stealth corvette. The recovered artifact allowed energy to be captured, recycled, and contained within a pressureless field — effectively shielding thermal and EM signatures from standard scans. This stealth property was coupled with a compact, high-output fusion-reactor matrix, granting the ship unparalleled operational discretion.

Designation: HCS Ghost Ember

Project Aegis-Whisper represented a multi-billion credit investment and included a prototype hull fabricated from phase-diffuse alloys. The *Ghost Ember* vanished during the uprising, either commandeered by rebel forces or destroyed. Hephaistos' recovery teams have been unable to verify the ship's status. Intelligence assets are on long-term assignment to monitor black market ship registries and anomalous stealth traffic.

Loss of the *Ghost Ember* has been cited in internal audit reports as a principal cause of Hephaistos' stagnation in stealth propulsion development. The company continues to deny its existence publicly. Requests for additional funding and money owed to the Federation has caused a significant depreciation in stock prices and cash on hand for the company.

#### Implications and Threat Assessment:

- Surviving Prometheus subjects pose a significant uncontrolled psionic threat. Potential uplift candidates for foreign powers or dissident groups.
- The *Ghost Ember* remains a technological wildcard. If recovered or weaponized by hostile actors, it could shift covert operations balance in multiple sectors.
- Leaks of either project could result in formal sanctions or force judicial action against Hephaistos under retroactive ethics legislation.

#### Classified Directive:

Continued suppression of Forlorn incident details is a priority. Monitor for resurfacing Prometheus subjects. High-value recovery operation for *Ghost Ember* is authorized under Operation Shadow Vane protocols.

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