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DESTINATION RED PLANET FOR BILLIONAIRES TO SET MARS COLONY

A SIZEABLE INVESTMENT INTO A COLONY

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For non-profit organization Mars One, the right wealthy investor could help with their ambitious plan to put man on Mars by 2027. According to them, a settlement of six individuals on the Red Planet by 2017 will cost roughly $ 6 billion. Mars One likes to point to the Apollo moon program as evidence that its mission plan will work. The problem admitted is that a one-way ticket means Mars One is committing to resupplying its colonists for the rest of their lives. They'll need a fresh stock of food and spare parts for their habitats and life support machines at least every couple years. And those shipments are expensive.

In October 2014, Massachussetts Institute of Technology graduate students Sydney Do and Andrew Owens released an independent research report on Mars One “” a non-for-profit organization that wants to create a long-lasting human colony on Mars. The findings were bleak, casting into doubt the credibility of the project. Initially Do and Owens were dismissed by the organization as "undergraduates". But Mars One continued to be buffeted by criticism, the group belatedly scheduled a debate with Do and Owens on August 13th at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. It has been nearly a year since Do and Owens released their report, and it was the first time Mars One CEO Bas Lansdorp has responded to them directly. (The Verge)

Do and Owens said that Mars One's plan will require fourteen separate launches as well as the development of seven new systems, including an intelligent rover and life-support systems of unprecedented endurance and reliability. Mars One's long term vision involves launching new crews of four toward the Red Planet every two years to keep building up the off-world settlement.

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