

Scorpius Space Launch Company Introduces Deserved Promotion.

Christopher (Chris) Muruyama Rises to the position of Manager of Operations.

TORRANCE, CA, UNITED STATES, August 26, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The [Scorpius Space Launch Company](#) (SSLC) announced today that Chris Maruyama has been promoted to Manager of Operations. His long tenure at the company promotions was sparked by his initiative.

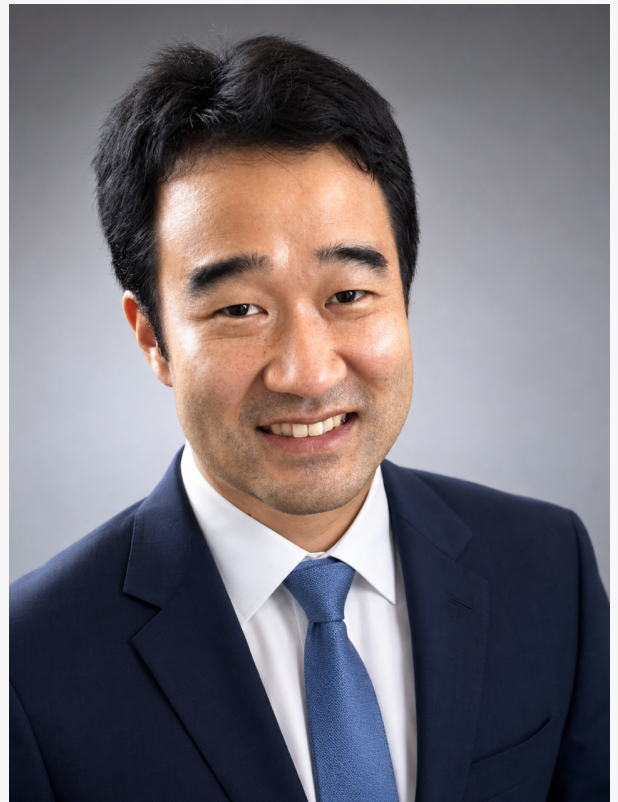
His new responsibilities include machining composite tooling Design Jig and Fixture Design as well as process management.

As one of the natural leaders at the Scorpius Space Launch Muruyama led the team that built propellant tanks for Intuitive Machine's Nova-C IM-1 and IM-2 Missions; the world's first commercial mission to successfully soft-land on the moon.

In addition, [Chris Marayuma](#) successfully built, tested, and delivered 120+ pressure vessels of various specifications and various customers over a 6-year period while documenting and standardizing existing build procedures.

"I'm not sure where the Scorpius Space Launch Company would be without the steady, massive contributions of Chris Maruyama," stated SSLC's CEO [Markus Rufer](#). "He continually, calmly demonstrates that he can handle any task we throw at him. I am very proud to announce this well-deserved promotion. "

Marayuma was instrumental in completing SSLC's liner-less, all-carbon-composite Type V tanks have flown on every Intuitive Machines Nova-C lunar lander mission to date, storing and managing the liquid oxygen and liquid methane propellants that power the company's clean-burning engines. The tanks first reached the Moon aboard IM-1 in February 2024 — the first commercial spacecraft ever to soft-land on the lunar surface — and flew again on IM-2 in March



Chris Marayuma of the Scorpius Space Launch Company

2025. Both missions validated PRESSURMAXX® tanks at Technology Readiness Level 9 (TRL-9), the highest level achievable, making them the first flight-qualified cryogenic Type V composite tanks to operate beyond the Van Allen belt and land on the Moon.

That flight heritage will extend further with IM-3, targeted to launch at the beginning of 2027. Scorpion Space Launch Company (SSLC), based in Torrance, California, designs and manufactures all-composite, high-pressure cryogenic tanks and pressure vessels for spaceflight and commercial applications. SSLC's PRESSURMAXX® tanks have flown on every Intuitive Machines lunar lander mission to date, and the company continues to develop advanced composite pressure vessel technology for a new generation of space exploration.

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