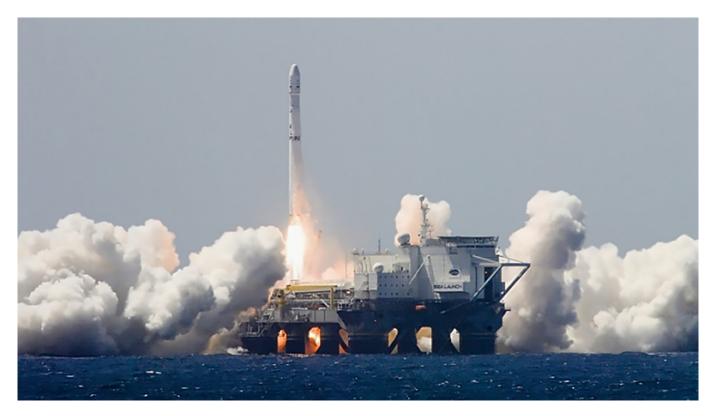


Russian Space Firm to Scrap Rocket Deal With Ukraine

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Update: S7 co-owner Natalia Filyova has <u>denied</u> *reports that the company will cancel its contract with Ukraine's Yuzhmash, the state-run TASS news agency reported Monday. She added that it was too early to discuss the issue.*

Russia's private S7 Space corporation plans to scrap a deal with a Ukrainian rocket maker on the construction of carrier rockets for its Sea Launch floating launch platform, Russian media reported.

S7, Russia's largest private airline, <u>promised</u> to resurrect Sea Launch when it purchased the suspended project in 2016. Ukraine's Yuzhmash manufacturer was to build 12 Zenit-M rockets for S7's Sea Launch project under a contract <u>signed</u> in April 2017.

S7 Space "intends to" abort the deal with Yuzhmash, S7 co-owner Natalia Filyova <u>told</u> the state-run RIA Novosti news agency on Monday.

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"We don't know yet" when the deal will be officially called off, Filyova was quoted as saying.

An unnamed space industry source <u>told</u> the state-run TASS news agency last week that Sea Launch projects will use Russia's Soyuz-5 rockets. President Vladimir Putin has <u>ordered</u> the Roscosmos federal space agency to begin flight tests of the Soyuz-5 medium-class carrier rockets in 2022.

S7 <u>plans</u> to renew launches from its Sea Launch floating platform this December.

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