



## Press release

### Former Director of Partnerships at NASA Ames Joins the Luxembourg Ministry of the Economy

Luxembourg, November 14, 2017 – The Luxembourg Ministry of the Economy today announced that Mr. Gary Martin, former Director of Partnerships at NASA Ames, recently joined its Space Affairs Department. As an independent advisor, Gary Martin assists the Directorate-General for Research, Intellectual Property and New Technologies, in charge of Space Affairs, to implement the strategy relating to the [SpaceResources.lu](http://SpaceResources.lu) initiative in close collaboration with national partners from research and academia.

Gary Martin retired from the position as Director of Partnerships at NASA Ames Research Center, which is one of ten NASA field centers and is located in the heart of California's Silicon Valley. He was in charge of identifying new business opportunities, creating entrepreneurial partnerships, transferring NASA technology to industry, and contributing to the development of the Center's long-term strategy. Gary Martin was with NASA for over 25 years and worked at Langley Research Center, NASA Headquarters and Goddard Space Flight Center before joining NASA Ames.

Gary Martin stated: "I am honored to assist the Luxembourg Government in its efforts to position Luxembourg as an ideal location for innovative projects in advanced space technologies."

Luxembourg Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Economy, Etienne Schneider, commented: "I am delighted to welcome in our team a recognized expert for his contribution to research and innovation at NASA. Gary Martin will put his expertise and experience to the benefit of Luxembourg's willingness to sustain the development of a new economic era in space and the positioning of the country as a global space hub."

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