

April 16, 2010

Dear Secretary Mondragon,

I have taken great pride and honor in working tirelessly since January 2008 to realize Spaceport America for the State of New Mexico and the commercial space industry.

We have accomplished great things over the last 2.5 years. The legislated mandates have been met and Spaceport America is under construction with the project on schedule and under budget to complete as early as December 2010.

With the Spaceflight Informed Consent Act signed into law on February 27th, the last major element solidifying Spaceport America reality has been accomplished. I now have a need to regain some work/life balance that can not be accomplished given the current stresses and time commitments of the Spaceport America Executive Director role.

It is with mixed emotions I am submitting this resignation to be effective May 15th, 2010. Effective immediately I will not be acting as Executive Director, but in a transition role with you as Chair of the Board.

I look forward to celebrating the continued successes of the project and wish you and the entire Spaceport America team a very bright future.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Landeene", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steve Landeene
Executive Director
New Mexico Spaceport Authority