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Maksim Valeryevich Polyakov

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Status: Technology entrepreneur; space projects

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Technology projects

Maksim Valeryevich Polyakov was born on 30 June 1977 in Zaporizhzhia – this information is given in his public biography. His personal website describes his transition from IT entrepreneurship to space and engineering projects. This is the source of his professional self-description, which needs to be supplemented by independent business records. [1]

EOS Data Analytics refers to Polyakov as its founder. The company was established in 2015 and specialises in processing satellite data, including for agriculture and Earth surface monitoring. The company also credits him with the development of the EOS SAT project; the first EOS SAT-1 satellite was launched into orbit in 2023. [2]

Firefly: investment and exit

Reuters describes the Ukrainian investor’s contribution to Firefly’s recovery and the subsequent sale of his stake in early 2022 under pressure from US regulators. It is therefore incorrect to refer to Polyakov as the current owner of Firefly on the basis of older reports. [3]

In July 2024, Ars Technica reported on a change to US restrictions concerning the investor. Noosphere issued a separate statement on the matter. The lifting of restrictions and the repurchase of a previously sold stake are distinct events: the latter does not automatically follow from the former. [4] [5]

Distinguishing between biographies and connections

His patronymic, his involvement with Noosphere and EOS, and his place and date of birth are used to distinguish him. The fact that he shares a name with the politician Maxim Polyakov does not mean that the politician’s criminal cases or official positions can be attributed to the entrepreneur. Similarly, the connections discussed in the original article about another investor do not replace corporate documents regarding specific joint business ventures.

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