

# SUSMITA MOHANTY



Not many people can answer the question 'What do you do?' with the answer 'spaceship designer'. But Indian-born Susmita Mohanty can. A space entrepreneur, she <sup>1</sup>was *setting up / has set up* three companies in three different continents. Since 2008, EARTH2ORBIT (E2O) <sup>2</sup>*helped / has helped* companies outside India take part in launches of the Indian PSLV rocket. Before that, Susmita <sup>3</sup>*had established / was establishing* LIQUIFER, an aerospace design firm in Vienna. And while she <sup>4</sup>*was living / has lived* in San Francisco in 2001, she <sup>5</sup>*set up / has set up* MOONFRONT, an aerospace consulting firm. Susmita has always loved



space flight. She <sup>6</sup>*has / is having* numerous degrees in engineering, design and space studies that allow her to make connections between the worlds of technology, business and architecture. Today she <sup>7</sup>*made / is making* science fiction become reality. Susmita is also a climate activist who makes satellite data on our planet available so that we can fight climate change. In the past few

years, she <sup>8</sup>*receives / has received* recognition and awards from around the world. Susmita <sup>9</sup>*believes / is believing* that in this century, space travel will be as important as air travel was last century.