

EVIDENCE EXHIBITS

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EXHIBIT A

SOCIAL POST

@cosmicnomadco · posted 10:40 PM · shared 24,700 times

"They found SIGNS OF ALIEN LIFE on K2-18b and it's confirmed in a peer-reviewed paper. This changes everything. Our new collection is inspired by this exact discovery — link in bio"

EXHIBIT B

PRODUCT WEBPAGE

cosmicnomadco.example/the-discovery

COSMIC NOMAD Shop The Discovery About

Inspired by a Confirmed Discovery of Alien Life.

✓ CONFIRMED BY A PEER-REVIEWED ASTRONOMY PAPER

[exoplanetresearchdigest.example/k2-18b-findings](#)

"The collection inspired by real science" — Stargazer Journal

EXHIBIT C

BLOG ARTICLE

[stargazerjournal.example](#) · posted 8 days before the viral post

Headline: "Did We Really Find Alien Life? The Paper Behind the Headlines." Excerpt: "Cosmic Nomad points to a peer-reviewed astronomy paper analyzing JWST data from the exoplanet K2-18b, describing it as confirmation of a biosignature. The brand calls this proof of alien life." A link under "the paper" leads to Exhibit D.

EXHIBIT D

PRESS RELEASE

[cosmicnomadco.example/press](#) · issued 3 weeks before the blog article

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE — Cosmic Nomad cites a peer-reviewed astronomy paper analyzing atmospheric data from the exoplanet K2-18b. "Science has confirmed what we've always believed — we're not alone," the release states. It does not mention what the paper's title or conclusion actually says about the evidence.

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EXHIBIT E

CITATION

Referenced in Exhibits C and D as “a peer-reviewed astronomy paper analyzing JWST data from K2-18b”

Stevenson KB, Lustig-Yaeger J, May EM, Kopparapu RK, Fauchez TJ, Haqq-Misra J, Limbach MA, Schwieterman EW, Sotzen KS, Ts

K2-18b Does Not Meet the Standards of Evidence for Life.

The Astronomical Journal. 2025;170(5):257.

DOI: 10.3847/1538-3881/ae0338

A record with this title, journal, and DOI can be looked up directly. Read the title carefully before you read anything else — then compare what it actually concludes to how Exhibits C and D describe it.