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Note from the Chair

Meeting of the Board of Directors of the SKA Organisation Manchester, UK 19 March 2012

PRESENT: Prof. Paul Alexander, Prof. Brian Boyle, Dr. Greg Fahlman, Dr. Bernie Fanaroff, Dr. Luigina Feretti, Prof. Mike Garrett, Dr. Melanie Johnson-Hollitt, Ms. Patricia Kelly, Mr Jonathan Kings, Dr. Phil Mjwara, Prof. Bo Peng, Prof. Bo Qin, Prof. Russ Taylor, Dr. Giampaolo Vettolani, Ms. Patricia Vogel and Prof. John Womersley.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Colin Greenwood, Dr. Michiel van Haarlem, SSG Chair, SSAC Chair, SSAC Executive Secretary and SSAC Member

The Board of Directors of the SKA Organisation held a meeting in Manchester, UK on Monday 19 March 2012. The Board formally noted the admission of Canada, represented by the National Research Council, Canada (NRC), as the 8th member of the SKA Organisation.

The main item of business at this meeting was to consider the site report and recommendation. Board members had the opportunity to question the chairs of the SKA Site Advisory Committee (SSAC) and the SKA Siting Group (SSG), and to clarify a number of the SSAC's conclusions.

The Board agreed to pass on the site recommendation to the members of the SKA Organisation, together with a commentary that captured the Board discussion and noted certain issues.

The members will meet in Amsterdam on 3 April 2012, but it is not likely that this meeting will make a final decision on the site; rather it will be the start of a process of discussion and negotiation between the members.

The Board will next meet in Amsterdam on 4 April 2012 for one of its quarterly meetings to oversee the activities of the SKA Organisation.

John Womersley
Chair, Board of Directors
SKA Organisation

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Membership

SKA Organisation is a private UK company limited by guarantee. The company does not have a share capital, but has members who are guarantors (with limited liability) instead of shareholders. Directors of the Board are appointed by the members. The members are:

- Australia: Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research
- Canada: National Research Council
- China: National Astronomical Observatories, Chinese Academy of Sciences
- Italy: National Institute for Astrophysics
- New Zealand: Ministry of Economic Development
- Republic of South Africa: National Research Foundation
- The Netherlands: Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research
- United Kingdom: Science and Technology Facilities Council