



## **SOAR BOARD TELECON MEETING**

**Tuesday, September 23, 2008**

### **AGENDA**

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1. Approve Minutes.
2. Status of Amendments 2 and 3.
3. Discuss budget for the coming year.
4. SAC Report on BTFI.

#### SPECIFIC DISCUSSION ITEMS ABOUT STEVE'S BUDGET REPORT AND RELATED ISSUES.

- \* Ability of each partner to pay amounts specified in Amendment 3. (pg.8) Amounts are given in bottom line of Table 1.
- \* Steve's proposed procedure for dealing with exchange rate other than 500 (pg. 9, top).
- \* Discuss Steve's proposal on pg. 22 for how to prioritize spending.
- \* Steve recommends waiting until end of FY, then passing a resolution to close out the Pre-Ops budget, with any small unspent amount from Brazil being transferred into the Operations Reserve Fund. (pg. 24, paragraphs 3 and 4). OK?
- \* In Section 6 "FY10 and Beyond", Steve discusses the possible (probable) need to consider Chilean inflation together with exchange rate in terms of whether or not the partners demand refunds from their Amendment 3 operations contributions. I would like to get a preliminary sense of the Board about this, although the situation hopefully will not arise in FY09.

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There are two additional items that we probably should put off for one more telecon, but which I include here for information:

Section 4.2 mentions several tasks that are intended to be paid for from the repairs budget, but not all of the items in the repairs budget.

From our April '08 2-day telecon,



Repairs Budget Items (in priority groups):

Bogie Replacement	\$37K
Relocate Shutter Electronics Box	\$18K
Implement Wind Screen	\$23K
Redundant Motor/Reductor & Brake	\$50K
Wave Front Sensing Guider	\$143K
CCD for SOI/SIFS	\$105K
M3 Servo Upgrade	\$48K
Az Encoder Upgrade	\$66K

The three items that are not mentioned in Steve’s report, and their status, are:

- o The windscreen which will be done by Serrano and company once the bogie replacement is complete, provided they have time between removing the ISB and the ramp up for aluminising.
- O The WFSG project is not yet ready to move ahead. Steve and Brooke need more time to work out a viable plan, and Steve will report about this in a future meeting.
- o The SIFS/SOI CCD which has been ordered, the chip mount has been designed, and will be fabricated in time for delivery and integration of the chip early next (calender) year. It wasn't mentioned, because it really has no impact on operations resources at all. The Chip was bought with repairs funds. Engineering, design and fabrication costs are being shared between the SIFS project (through a contract with CTIO) and SAM (since it uses an identical dewar)

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Also, we had deferred until this meeting any further discussion of the idea of temporarily hiring an extra scientist. This was intended to be funded with a match using 50% Brazilian funds, 25% MSU funds and 25% UNC funds, with the most recent discussion being in terms of a 3-year appointment. We wanted to see if the money would be better used for repairs or upgrades, so this has to wait until we have an opportunity to properly discuss progress on the repairs budget items.

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