

SKA news for Australian Industry: 23 March 2009

1. Presentations from SKA Forum, Cape Town (25 February 2009)

The SKA Forum 2009 presentations and interviews are now available on the International SKA website. The direct link is

www.skatelescope.org/pages/presentations_SKA_Forum2009.htm

2. Ministers announce Australian – South African SKA partnership

Mr Mosibudi Mangena, South African Government Minister for Science and Technology and Senator Kim Carr, Australian Government Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research today confirmed the high priority which both Governments give to the planned *Square Kilometre Array* (SKA) radio telescope.

Minister Carr's announcement can be found at
<http://minister.innovation.gov.au/Carr/Pages/MINISTERSCEMENTAUSTRALIASOUTHAFRICASKAPARTNERSHIP.aspx>

3. *New* ASKAP Digital Systems Brief available

We have released a new brief on the "ASKAP Digital Signal Processing Systems". This brief describes the delivery of the digital signal processing systems for ASKAP and contains some more detail on the scope of the expected involvement of industry.

A copy of this document is available at
www.atnf.csiro.au/projects/askap/digital_systems.html

4. Australian SKA Pathfinder – Industry Opportunities Register (IOR) update

Just a reminder that the IOR is actively updated by the project on a periodic basis, so please consult the online version for the latest news;

<http://www.atnf.csiro.au/projects/askap/industry.html>

5. Secondment/Appointment of Phil Crosby (CSIRO ATNF) to Manager – Industry Participation Strategy within SPDO

We are very pleased to announce that Phil Crosby from CSIRO ATNF will be seconded to the SKA Program Development Office (SPDO), based at the University of Manchester, UK, from early April 2009. Many of you will have met Phil over the past 2 years and will know that his expertise in industry engagement will be invaluable in the successful planning of the SKA strategy. Phil will be working closely with the leaders of PrepSKA work package 5 (industry and procurement) as well as the rest of the SPDO team. Phil's email after 7 April will be crosby@skatelescope.org

6. UK KTN initiative for SKA

Please pass to your contacts in the UK: the UK Knowledge Transfer Network is running a series of SKA-technology related briefings:

<http://www.electronics-ktn.com/KeyThemes/HighFrequency/SKADSBriefings/tabid/311/Default.aspx>

Home page
www.electronics-ktn.com

Information from the SKA sessions run so far can be obtained at:
<http://www.constructid.co.uk/EKTN/ska.asp>

7. Power solutions for ASKAP/SKA

For those attending the Cape Town discussions it was clear that this is a 'hot' topic for the SKA pathfinders and for the SKA itself.

We have had many enquiries on the status of the power solution planning for ASKAP. At this stage we are preparing a public brief on the power solution required for ASKAP. Once this is circulated, we expect to undertake a cost and technology evaluation.

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