## **EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY**

## **SOLAR SYSTEM WORKING GROUP**

## Recommendation on the Venus Express Science Management Plan

At its 118<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2005 at the Austria Centre, Vienna, the Solar System Working Group (SSWG) heard the case for the Venus Express Science Management Plan.

The SSWG would like to commend the VEX team on their hard work and prompt delivery of payload and spacecraft in a cost-effective manner.

The SSWG endorses the Science Management Plan. In addition, the SSWG also urges that the Eexecutive work vigorously with the national funding agencies to ensure an effective level of funding for operations and data analysis.

The SSWG also recommends that following SPC approval, the Executive proceed immediately with a call for Interdisciplinary Research Scientists (IDS).

Finally the SSWG urges the Executive to ensure that proper and effective procedures for scientific communication be adopted to ensure the maximum public visibility for the mission.

The SSWG unanimously endorses the proposed Venus Express Science Management Plan.