

To: PB-HME Delegates
Industry, Technical Centres
Scientific Community
SDB, ESTAG, ACHME

Noordwijk, 8 March 2007

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Subject: Call for Ideas for the Next Exploration Science and Technology Mission

Dear Madam/Sir,

In line with the attached reference letter, signed by the Director of the Scientific Programme and the Director of Human Spaceflight, Microgravity and Exploration, this letter is to inform you of the release of the Call for Ideas for the Next Exploration Science and Technology Mission of the European Space Exploration Programme – Aurora. The Call is intended to lead to the selection of a mission to be submitted for approval and funding at the 2008 ESA Council at Ministerial level.

The Call can be retrieved from the web at the following address:

<http://sci.esa.int/cv2015>

The HME Directorate will review the proposal received and assess their relevance for the Exploration Programme taking into consideration both the Technology and Science aspects. Scientific aspects will also be considered for their relevance to the ESA Science Programme and for this purpose, the proposals will be forwarded to the Science Directorate for consideration.

I should appreciate if you could assure maximum access to this Call by circulating this letter to interested colleagues within your institution.

Yours faithfully,



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Director of Human Spaceflight, Microgravity
and Exploration

Attach. D.SCI/DJS/db/21851, Paris 5 March 2007

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