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Director General

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Dear Bob,

ALMA Building in Santiago

As you are aware, in 1964 the Chilean government gave ESO a site of land, free of charge, in the Municipality of Las Condes in the Vitacura district of Santiago. A formal agreement to this effect was concluded with the Chilean government. It is now part of the Municipality of Vitacura. The original size of the land was 33,708 sq.m. On 2nd July 2001 ESO voluntarily gave 5,929 sq.m. to the Municipality of Vitacura for the extension of the Alonso de Cordoba. The total area of ESO's land is now 27,779 sq.m.

This has now been developed in support of ESO's activities in Chile. A plan of the site is attached to this letter. You will see that there is space available on this site for the construction of the proposed ALMA building in Santiago. ESO is prepared to make the necessary space available to ALMA, free of ground rent, on which to construct the proposed building, including access roads and any other infrastructural facilities required. In the absence of a design for the building, ESO is not able to specify either the location or the area of the site offered, but ESO states that it will be such as to meet the requirements of ALMA in terms of size, location, and access. It can be made available as soon as ALMA requires it, with an address and entrance separate to those of ESO's buildings.

In addition, ESO is willing to construct the building, facilities and amenities to ALMA specifications and schedule, as agreed by the Board, as a Work Package within the ALMA WBS with an agreed Value. The building, facilities and amenities will be owned by ESO and would legally form part of the ESO facilities in Vitacura, including the present inviolability. They will be made available to ALMA, free of rent, for as long as the Bilateral Agreement is in force. At the end of this period ESO shall take over the building for its own use.

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The cost of operating, servicing and maintaining the building, facilities and amenities during the period of occupation by ALMA shall be shared by ESO, AUI, and potentially NAOJ in shares commensurate with their investment in ALMA. Such costs will come under the control of the Director and should form part of the operating cost of ALMA. Temporary or permanent modifications to the interior or exterior of the building will require ESO's permission, and may be regarded as a cost to the project.

AUI and ESO may install in the building at their own cost such equipment and facilities required for ALMA as may from time to time be agreed as part of the project requirements. Such equipment and facilities shall remain the property of AUI or ESO as appropriate.

ESO will arrange insurance for the building and contents in consultation with AUI and the Director. The cost of such insurance shall be part of the cost of operating the building.

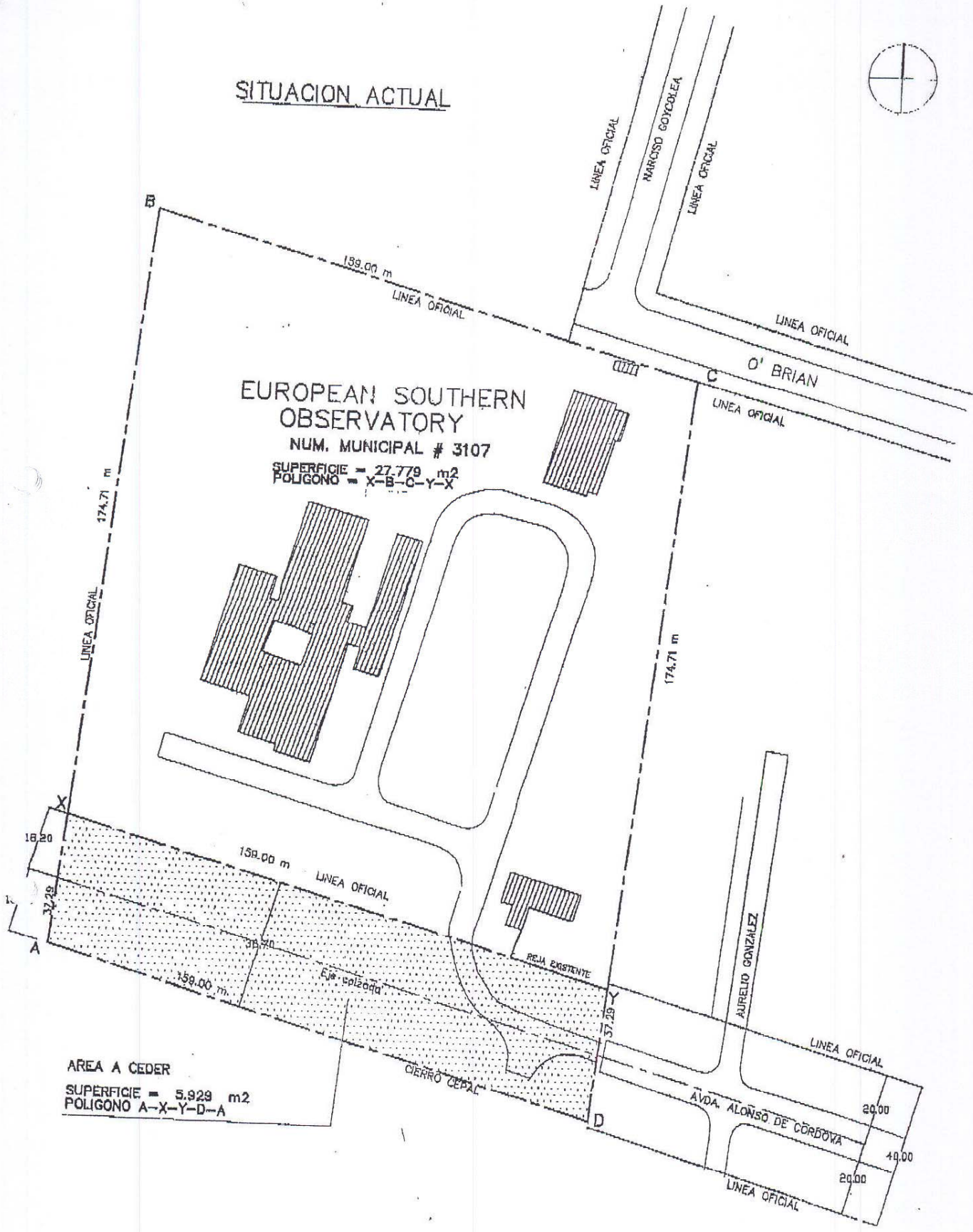
Sincerely yours,



Catherine Cesarsky

cc: Board members and Director

SITUACION ACTUAL



AREA A CEDER
 SUPERFICIE = 5.929 m²
 POLIGONO A-X-Y-D-A

**PLANO DE CESION PARA BIEN NACIONAL DE USO PUBLICO
 EN COMUNA DE VITACURA**

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