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Subject: ESA AO for Externally Mounted Payloads (SP-1201)

Dear Colleague,

I am pleased to inform you that on Friday 12 December 1997 the ESA Manned Space Programme Board endorsed the Executive's proposal for the payload complement for Externally Mounted Payloads during the Early Space Station Utilisation Period.

Within this context I would like to congratulate you that your proposal

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has been retained within this final payload complement, subject to reconfirmation of your experiment funding and timely availability of your flight hardware. I would be grateful if you could inform your Co-Investigators of your proposal's acceptance.

You will be contacted shortly by the mission team, which is responsible for the implementation of these first flight opportunities for Externally Mounted Payloads onboard the International Space Station.

The major points to be discussed will be: key programme milestones, interface requirements and the reconfirmation of your experiment's funding.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Seibert'.

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