

## AAL 2011/12 EIF Annual Business Plan – Appendix

30<sup>th</sup> September 2011

### Management of remaining NCRIS funding during the EIF project

During 2011/12 AAL receives an NCRIS payment of \$262,160 as a management fee to execute the Astronomy EIF programme. During 2011/12 AAL is also managing the remaining components of the Radio and Optical Astronomy NCRIS programme, specifically:

Gemini International Partnership; 2013 – 2015 Australian operations contribution. <sup>1</sup>	\$921,184
Australian Gemini Office	\$168,500
Concept design study on the federation of national astronomy datasets; subcontracted to Intersect Australia Ltd. <sup>2</sup>	\$229,090
eResearch project related to the concept design study, yet to be agreed. <sup>2</sup>	\$450,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,768,774</b>

AAL requests permission to apply a supplementary 2011/12 **management fee of \$46,000** (~2.6%) to the above amount, to be funded from NCRIS interest earnings. This supplementary management fee will assist AAL to effectively execute these remaining components of the astronomy NCRIS programme.

Note: Should the above request be approved, AAL would not be required to spend all its membership contributions during 2011/12, and would therefore be able to achieve a modest operating surplus. This would allow AAL to boost its end-of-year retained earnings from \$64,504 to >\$100,000, allowing AAL to achieve an important goal set by AAL's Audit and Risk Management Committee.

As previously agreed, AAL will consult with the Department before seeking to advance any eResearch project related to the concept design study.

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<sup>1</sup> Part of an overall USD5,000,000 scheduled payment which includes ARC LIEF and AAO grants.

<sup>2</sup> Funded from NCRIS interest earnings.

NCRIS financial transactions

NCRIS grant:

<b>30<sup>th</sup> June 2011</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$1,679,538</b>
2011/12 Q1	AAL management fee – Astronomy EIF programme	-\$262,160
2011/12 Q1	Australian Gemini Office	-\$84,250
2011/12 Q2	Australian Gemini Office	-\$84,250
2011/12	Gemini 2013 – 2015 Australian operations contribution	-\$921,184
2012/13 Q1	AAL management fee – Astronomy EIF programme	-\$268,840
2012/13 Q3	Gemini 2013 Australian instrumentation contribution <sup>3</sup>	-\$58,854
<b>30<sup>th</sup> June 2013</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$0</b>

NCRIS reserve (interest earnings):

<b>30<sup>th</sup> June 2011</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$690,222</b>
2011/12 Q2	AAL supplementary management fee – Astronomy NCRIS programme	-\$46,000
2011/12 Q1-Q3	Concept design study – Intersect Australia Ltd	-\$229,090
2011/12 Q3-Q4	eResearch project – yet to be agreed	-\$450,000
2011/12 Q1-Q4	NCRIS 2011/12 interest earnings (estimate)	\$36,431
<b>30<sup>th</sup> June 2012</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$1,563</b>

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<sup>3</sup> The Gemini 2013 Australian instrumentation contribution is yet to be fully funded.