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Dear Sirs,

\$6m Automated Planet Finder Telescope awarded to EOS

Electro Optic Systems Holdings Limited (ASX: EOS) is pleased to announce that its subsidiary, EOS Space Systems Pty Limited, has reached agreement with the University of California (Lick Observatory), to design and build a 2.4-m telescope to be dedicated to the search for Exo-Solar planets.

When combined with new instruments developed by the University of California, the telescope will form the Automated Planet Finder (APF). The APF will detect new planets by measuring very small perturbations in a star's motion caused by the gravitational pull of orbiting planets.

The completed system will be able to detect motions of less than 5 km/hr in distant star systems, making it the largest and most sensitive system ever devised for the detection and orbital characterization of new planets. The long-term aim is to find planets with orbital periods similar to the Earth.

For the APF, EOS will combine state-of-the-art telescope design and construction with its unique capabilities in industrial-strength robotic operation and control. The contract for the telescope is valued at A\$6 million and will be completed over the next 20 months.

This is the fifth major telescope program to be contracted by EOS in 2003.

EOS is also currently in late-stage negotiations and legal documentation with other parties on several projects in both its space systems and weapon systems businesses.

Yours faithfully,

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Chief Executive Officer

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