

## **ALMA European Project Manager's Report**

A number of documents have been placed on the EAB ftp Site (<http://www.eso.org/~ezuffane/EAB/>) that form the basis of this report. Please download those that are of interest. Contact Elena Zuffanelli, if you have any difficulty accessing the documents.

Complete summaries of overall ALMA status and progress can be found in the first two quarterly reports issued by the Joint ALMA Office on 30 September and 31 December 2002. These are the files titled: 30 September 2002.pdf and 31 December 2002.pdf.

In addition, the latest version of the ALMA Project Plan, dated 10 February 2003, is now available on the EAB Site.

The up-to-date status of the European side of the project can be found in the ALMA presentations given at the 2003 ESO-Wide Review (EWR) on 14 February. There are eight files covering: Overall Status (Introduction), Site Development, Antenna, Front End, Back End, Computing, System Engineering, and Science Operations.

Finally, the current thinking on production antenna procurement strategy is contained in the file titled: Antenna Procurement 2003Jan30. This presentation is a draft, very much a work in progress, and must be treated as confidential. It describes the position currently proposed by the Joint ALMA Office. This has been discussed with the two Executives (ESO in Europe and NRAO in North America). ESO essentially agrees with the proposed strategy whereas NRAO has not accepted it. The next step will be discussion at the ALMA Board meeting on 25 February.