

Amendment No. 2

to the Agreement on the SST-1M mini-array operation at the Ondřejov Observatory (*hereinafter the „Agreement”*)

Between:

the Henryk Niewodniczański Institute of Nuclear Physics, Polish Academy of Sciences (IFJ PAN) representing the Polish Consortium of the Cherenkov Telescope Array Project, with its address at Radzikowskiego 152, 31-342 Kraków, Poland, represented by Prof. Dr. hab. Tadeusz Lesiak – Director General

and

the University of Geneva (UNIGE), with its address at 24 rue Général-Dufour, 1204 Geneva, represented by Prof. Sébastien Castelltort, vice-Rector, and Prof. Teresa Montaruli, Principal Investigator,

and

the Institute of Physics of the Czech Academy of Sciences (FZU), with its address at Na Slovance 1999/2, 18200 Praha 8, Czech Republic, represented by RNDr. Michael Prouza, PhD, Director,

(IFJ PAN, UNIGE, FZU, hereinafter the “SST-1M Parties”),

and

the Astronomical Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences, with its address at Fričova 298, 25165, Ondřejov, Czech Republic, represented by Mgr. Michal Bursa, Ph.D., Director
(hereinafter the “Infrastructure Provider or AI CAS”).

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In line with Articles 11.3 and 18.1 of the Agreement, its Article 11.2 is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

“It shall remain in force until December 31, 2027, unless terminated earlier or further prolonged in accordance with its terms.”

§2

In line with Article 18.1, its Article 12.1 is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

“Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, either Party shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement on three months' written notice to the other Parties. The termination of this Agreement, for whatever reason, shall not affect the rights of either of the Parties that may have accrued before the termination of the Agreement or which specifically or by their nature survives the termination of the Agreement.”

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In line with Article 18.1 of the Agreement, its Article 6 is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

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Article 6 – *Publication Policy*

6.1 Publications include articles in scientific journals, conference proceedings, posters, oral presentations, and any abstracts or summaries related to these.

6.2 Any publication using data produced by the SST-1M telescopes, Monte Carlo models based on telescopes, or data from any SST-1M sub-system, including software, is considered an SST-1M Project publication.

6.3 All SST-1M Project publications must be signed by authors listed in the SST-1M author list, which is maintained and approved by the Working Group. To qualify as an author, at least 3 months of contributions to the SST-1M Project are required. Individuals remain on the author list for up to 1 year after completing their work for the SST-1M Project, whereas some cases can be discussed for very relevant contributions that produce an exception for which a duration of up to 4 years can be approved by the Working Group. After this period, the individual is removed from the list of authors. The author list is revised at least every 6 months. Authors have the right to withdraw their names from a publication by explicitly notifying the Working Group in writing, including by e-mail, and to appeal to the Working Group to obtain a longer delay for authorship or to sign a specific paper.

6.4. The Steering Board will establish a Publications and Speakers Committee and appoint its members, consisting of experts in various aspects of the SST-1M Project, including gamma-ray astronomy science, hardware, analysis and theory to ensure smooth production of publications and strong representation at conferences. Committee members will be appointed by the Steering Board following a call for expressions of interest. Their mandate will be for a period of 2 years and will be renewable once.

6.5. Any individual member of the SST-1M Project may propose a publication. A publication must be presented to the Publications and Speakers Committee before submission or public release. Proponent(s) are expected to discuss the publication first in the analysis or in the

operation working group of the SST-1M Project and then submit the publication to the Publications and Speakers Committee after the agreement of the respective working group. The publication must be submitted to the Publications and Speakers Committee at least 21 days prior to the intended submission date in the case of the articles in scientific journals and at least 14 days in case of other types of publications. Extensions of these deadlines may be granted only if approved by the Publications and Speakers Committee.

6.6. The Publications and Speakers Committee verifies whether the proposed publication meets the requirements of Article 6.5. For the publications in scientific journals and conference proceedings, the committee nominates internal reviewers, who work with the publication's proponent(s) on the publication, if necessary. After this step, the Publications and Speakers Committee along with the proponent(s) circulates the latest version of the publication to all the members of the SST-1M Project for a collaborative review. The final version of the publication must be approved by the Publications and Speakers Committee through majority vote before submission. The publication must be circulated within the SST-1M Project at least 14 days prior to the intended submission date. Exceptions to this deadline are allowed only with the approval of the Publications and Speakers Committee. If no feedback is provided by SST-1M Project members within 14 days of circulation, silent consent is assumed. The Steering Board shall have the right to veto a publication through majority vote.

6.7. The Publications and Speakers Committee is responsible for creating and maintaining a list of relevant conferences along with identifying suitable presenters. It will send reminders for possible speakers at conferences of interest. Any member of the SST-1M Project may submit a proposal for a presentation. In case there are more applicants for a presentation at the same conference, the Publications and Speakers Committee selects the most appropriate presenter, considering several factors: the presenter's relevance to the topic, fair representation of the Parties, balanced representation of junior and senior members, and gender diversity. ”

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Except as expressly modified hereby the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

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The present Amendment may be executed by electronically scanned signature or by an electronic signature system and such signatures shall constitute an original for all purposes.

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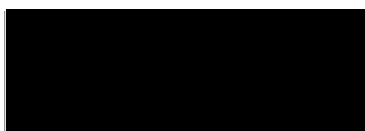
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