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Dr. Marcia McNutt, President and CEO
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Re: MARS Cabled Observatory, Cable Run

Dear Marcia,

I am writing to follow up on our recent conversations between MLML and your scientists and facilities personnel regarding the MARS Cabled Observatory and the possibility of using our existing conduit to transit our property at 7544 Sandholdt Road (parcel number is 133-242-010). I am aware that the project has gone through many changes, and now that the cable will be landing at the end of the island, it will be run through conduit back to the main MBARI campus. This includes a portion through an existing MLML conduit that runs from 7544 Sandholdt Road over to MBARI Building D. I am writing to indicate again, our full support of this observatory and believe it to represent a key element of a working coastal observatory network, towards which many institutions are now working together to realize. I am writing to explicitly offer this mode of cable conveyance for the MARS network.

Best regards,

Dr. Kenneth Coale, Director
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