Reflectivity and Scattering measurements on Freshly Aluminized surface of INT Primary mirror 2.5 m

INT Primary had not been aluminised since October 2012. Reflectivity in Red bands maintained within 4% by washing. %R had degraded by nearly 10% in UV, unretrievable by washing, as consistent with tests on WHT M2 etc. Aluminsation evaporation stage was carried out manually, followed by early venting by error, but excellent result. %R values were the highest achieved in 5 wavebands in the 5 coatings done in 2023, and the lowest scattering values. See plot on page 2.

| | | %R per waveband (nm) | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Tempr/°C | 365 | 404 | 464 | 522 | 624 | 760 | 970 |
| 07/09/2023 09:33 | 3 19.75 | 93.94 | 91.93 | 90.4 | 90.89 | 90.18 | 87.82 | 93.33 |
| 07/09/2023 09:34 | 4 20.75 | 93.92 | 91.82 | 90.36 | 90.93 | 90.2 | 87.88 | 93.26 |
| 07/09/2023 09:3 | 5 21.28 | 93.87 | 91.76 | 90.32 | 90.94 | 90.21 | 87.91 | 93.21 |
| 07/09/2023 09:30 | 6 21.84 | 93.83 | 91.69 | 90.26 | 90.93 | 90.21 | 87.92 | 93.17 |
| Average for Fresh Aluminisation | | 93.89 | 91.80 | 90.34 | 90.92 | 90.20 | 87.88 | 93.24 |
| range | | 0.11 | 0.24 | 0.14 | 0.05 | 0.03 | 0.1 | 0.16 |
| global range, all Alum'ns 2023 | | 1.82 | 2.85 | 3.99 | 3.21 | 3.49 | 6.11 | 0.27 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| After Washing, Jan 2023 | | 84.03 | 85.00 | 84.65 | 86.85 | 87.14 | 85.00 | 91.26 |
| Gain in %R from Aluminising | | 9.86 | 6.80 | 5.68 | 4.07 | 3.06 | 2.88 | 1.98 |

| Dust Index % per waveband (nm) | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|
| Tempr/°C | 365 | 404 | 464 | 522 | 624 | 760 | 970 | |
| 07/09/2023 09:33 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 | |
| 07/09/2023 09:34 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | |
| 07/09/2023 09:35 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 | |
| 07/09/2023 09:36 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | |
| Next best DI 2023 (Mercator) | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.7 | |

Note discrepancy in values from 2017, attributed to refurbishment of CT7 instrument in 2022

