

Recent Photographs of Paranal



The summit of Paranal with the excavations for the telescope and the enclosure foundations which will accommodate the four 8.2-m unit telescopes. The final excavations for telescope no. 1 are in progress together with the work to prepare the interferometric tunnel. White marks indicate the location of telescope no. 2 as well as the light beam from the telescope to the interferometric tunnel and the light beam from the telescope to the combined coude station. (All photographs by H. Zodet)



Aerial photograph of the Paranal region situated approximately 130 km south of the city of Antofagasta and about 12 km from the Pacific Ocean (clearly visible in the background). In the foreground on the right side of the main road one sees the Skanska Belfi camp and on the left side the ESO camp and the water tanks.



Close-up of the excavation for unit telescope no. 2.

The ESO base camp at the foot of the Paranal mountain. The base camp, which was installed two years ago, is becoming more and more the centre of activities of the VLT Division at the new ESO observatory. Particular attention has been given to the improvement of communications with the installations of antennas.

