

Transcription of LOFAR-UK opening video clip

(Rob Fender): Right so good afternoon everybody. It's a very, very happy moment for us and for me to be here at the opening of giving the LOFAR UK station. It's been ten years since I've been involved in LOFAR - it's been five years we've been trying to get the money together to build this station and only, well, less than a year ago this was just an empty field and now its graced by this beautiful piece of architecture which is a LOFAR station. So, I am very, very happy at this moment. At this moment I will hand over to Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell, who is going to say a few words and then cut the ribbon in a most ceremonial manner.

(Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell): Thank you very much. I too am very pleased to be here. I'm very glad that the UK is at last going back to low frequencies - it's been a long time since we worked at these frequencies, because we've been pursuing better angular resolution and we've left a lot of stones unturned in that pursuit - so it's really, really good that we are back at these kinds of frequencies. I am also very happy that we're collaborating with European colleagues and extending significantly the reach of LOFAR - it gives us buy-in to a superb project and it helps the project itself, so it's truly win-win. I realise that the Netherlands establishment was opened by the Queen of the Netherlands - I can't quite do that but, in a similar manner as I wield the scissors and formally open it, may I wish all who work with this array every success and lots of stimulation and fun.

(John Womersley) My role here is to lift the ribbon!