Alex Bouzari, CEO, Chairman and Co-Founder, DDN

"With data production in excess of 10 petabytes each day, the Square Kilometer Array (SKA) will be one of the most data-intensive environments globally. It is a great example of the potential of big data: cutting edge researchers turning exabytes of machine-generated data into valuable information.

I was born in France and believe that France has some of the best innovators in the World. This is why we chose Paris as the location for our most recent R&D development centers focusing on next generation software to accelerate data-intensive application workflows, such as SKA. The opportunity for French technology companies, engineers and scientific researchers from across the country to be involved in, and benefit fro, the SKA project are innumerable.

I urge the French Government to consider its involvement in the SKA project. This is a rare opportunity to be involved in such a ground-breaking scientific project."