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## ARMSTRONG PACIFIC REACHES NEW HEIGHTS WITH COMPLETION OF TELESCOPE PROJECT ON MAUI

HONOLULU (June 18, 2013) – Armstrong Pacific recently completed the renovation of the 1.8-meter Panoramic Survey Telescope & Rapid Response System (Pan-STARRS) atop Mount Haleakala on Maui, as part of the of Hawaii Institute for Astronomy. The general contractor kama'aina company retrofitted the existing observatory by raising the foundation, installing a hydraulic lift, removing and replacing the structural steel and framework, applying a new exterior insulated skin, and upgrading all the mechanical and electrical systems that support the new telescope.

"We took our company to new limits in renovating the UH Institute for Astronomy's observatory. This project had extremely tight tolerances and an aggressive schedule," said Armstrong Pacific Project Manager Kevin Keller. "Through innovative solutions, we completed the project on time and under budget."

The new telescope (PS2) is expected to begin operation in July 2013. One of its main purposes is to search for asteroids or Near Earth Objects (NEO) using the world's largest digital cameras. The original Pan-STARRS telescope, PS1, has been operational since 2006.

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