



A Paranal Portfolio

These photos from late 1991 and early 1992 illustrate some of the activities now under way at the future VLT site. 1. The building in Antofagasta in which the ESO VLT office is now located. 2. Here the ESO road to Paranal begins at the "Old Panamericana". 3. The VLT base camp at the foot of Paranal. 4. Geometric forms along the ESO road to Paranal. 5. Sr. Segovia of the FENIC blasting team holds a stick of high explosives with the detonating fuse in place. 6. A fraction of a second after the blast. 7. At the time of a blast, Paranal almost looks like a volcano . . . 8. Loading the debris on the lorry. 9. Dumping the debris on the leeseide of Paranal. Photos by F. Bourlon (4, 5, 6, 7) and H. Zodet (1, 2, 3, 8, 9).





