For the Finance Department in Garching near Munich, Germany, ESO is opening the position of a

Certified Accountant

(Career Path III)

Purpose and Scope of the Position:

Within the Finance Department in the Administration Division the successful candidate will strengthen the accounting group.

Duties and Responsibilities:

The successful candidate will be responsible for:

- The analysis, control, processing and timely booking of accounting transactions in compliance with ESO's rules and regulations, the review and update of accounting procedures.
- Participating in the preparation of the system's upgrade in the field of asset accounting.
- Participating in the preparation of periodic closings and annual financial statements, including interaction with internal and external auditors.

Professional Requirements / Qualifications:

The ideal candidate shall have:

- A degree of Certified Accountant.
- Expertise in international accounting (IPSAS/ IFRS).
- At least 5 years experience in a similar position, preferably in an international environment. Experience in working with an ERP system (MS Navision/Dynamics, SAP, Oracle) as well as advanced computer literacy (MS Office) are required.

- A numerical analytical mind, be a motivated and assertive person, self organized, team oriented and with excellent communicational and inter-personal skills.
- A very good command of English (written as well as spoken).

Duty Station: The position will be based in Garching near Munich, Germany.

Starting Date: As soon as possible.

Remuneration and Contract: We offer an attractive remuneration package including a competitive salary (tax free), a comprehensive pension scheme and medical, educational and other social benefits as well as financial help in relocating your family and the possibility to place your child(ren) in daycare to the age of 3. The initial contract is for a period of three years with the possibility of extension. The title or grade may be subject to change according to qualification and the number of years of experience.

Application: If you are interested in working in areas of frontline technology and in a stimulating international environment, please visit (http://www.eso.org) for further details.

Applicants are invited to apply online at https://jobs.eso.org/. Applications must be completed in English and should include a motivation letter and CV.

The review of applications will start on 1 March 2009; however, applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Although recruitment preference will be given to nationals of ESO Member States (members are: Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom) no nationality is in principle excluded.

The post is equally open to suitably qualified male and female applicants.