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COMET P/2006 HR₃₀ (SIDING SPRING)

Reports from two groups of observers indicate that 2006 HR₃₀, reported as asteroidal when discovered by the Siding Spring Survey (discovery observation tabulated below; cf. *MPEC* 2006-H40), appears cometary. A co-addition of three 10-s V-band exposures, obtained on July 29.3 UT by S. C. Lowry and A. Fitzsimmons (Department of Physics and Astronomy, Queen's University, Belfast) with the 3.5-m New Technology Telescope at the European Southern Observatory (ESO), La Silla, show a coma extending to 5".5 in p.a. 31°. Observations by M. Hicks and K. Lawrence (Jet Propulsion Laboratory) on Aug. 3 with the Palomar 5-m Hale telescope show a faint coma extending $\approx 10''$ from the 'nucleus' in both the R-band and long-slit spectral images.

2006 UT	α_{2000}	δ_{2000}	Mag.
Apr. 20.78181	22 ^h 04 ^m 31. ^s 90	-9°04'14.9"	18.7

Additional astrometry, the following orbital elements (from observations in 2005 and 2006), and an ephemeris appear on *MPEC* 2006-P09. There is also an unconfirmed observation of this object on a 2-hr ESO exposure from 1986 Mar. 5, measured by G. Forti (Arcetri Observatory, Florence) and published on *MPS* 174727.

Epoch = 2007 Jan. 20.0 TT			
$T = 2007$ Jan. 2.2815 TT	$\omega = 117.4137$	}	
$e = 0.843142$	$\Omega = 309.9512$		
$q = 1.226435$ AU	$i = 31.8845$		
$a = 7.818745$ AU	$n^\circ = 0.0450815$	$P = 21.86$ years	

COMETS C/1999 V5 AND C/1999 X3 (SOHO)

Further to *IAUC* 8734, given below are the discovery data for additional small, stellar-appearing comets found on archival SOHO images. C/1995 V5, a Kreutz sungrazer, was of mag ~ 7.5 or fainter. C/1999 X3, not a member of any known comet group ($T = 1999$ Dec. 12.7 TT, $q = 0.081$, $e = 1.0$, $i = 7^\circ 2'$), was too faint for photometry.

Comet	1999 UT	α_{2000}	δ_{2000}	Inst.	F	<i>MPEC</i>
C/1999 V5	Nov. 14.379	15 ^h 13 ^m .6	-19°34'	C2	HS	2006-O20
C/1999 X3	Dec. 12.564	17 22.9	-23 22	C2	HS	2006-L20