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Bethlehem, PA 18015. *Proof of an Exponent Conjecture of Bousfield.*

In an August 1999 paper, Bousfield conjectured that if  $p$  is an odd prime, then the  $p$ -exponent of the spectrum  $\Phi SU(n)$  equals  $n - 1 + nu_p((n - 1)!)$ . Here  $\Phi$  is a  $v_1$ -telescope functor from the homotopy category of pointed CW-complexes to the stable homotopy category, and  $nu_p(-)$  denotes the exponent of  $p$  in an integer. In his paper Bousfield showed that the  $p$ -exponent of  $\Phi SU(n)$  is equal to the  $p$ -exponent of a particular quotient  $Q_n$  of an associated Adams module  $M_n$ . We prove Bousfield's conjecture by computing the  $p$ -exponent of  $Q_n$ . (Received September 21, 2000)