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Dear IGC Co-Chairs,

BHP is delighted to provide a letter of support for Canada's bid to host the IGC 2028 in Calgary Alberta.

BHP is a world leading resource company headquartered in Melbourne Australia with our products being sold worldwide with sales and marketing led through our Singapore team. BHP was founded in 1885 and currently operates in 90 locations around the globe with a workforce of approximately 80,000 employees and contractors. This includes a major presence in Canada, where we have recently commissioned one of the world's largest and most modern Potash mines - the Jansen Project in Saskatchewan - as well as our global exploration and business development teams based in Toronto.

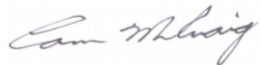
BHP sees that the Canadian bid is committed to harnessing the depth, diversity and grandeur of Canada's geologic heritage for IGC 2028. With 22 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, 6 Geoheritage Sites, 5 Global Geoparks, and 19 Biosphere Reserves, the history of the Earth is fully captured across Canada, documenting episodes from the planet's infancy to modern times. Accessible as day trips from Calgary include UNESCO World Heritage (and GeoHeritage) Site Dinosaur Provincial Park with the greatest known concentration of Late Cretaceous dinosaur fossils (44 species), and the first observed evidence for the "Cambrian Explosion of Life" in the Burgess Shale in the Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks. UNESCO World Heritage sites important to the surrounding First Nations, with geological links, include Head Smashed In Buffalo Jump which is the largest preserved buffalo jump in North America and Writing on Stone Provincial Park with thousands of petroglyphs that date back to over 5,000 years. Indigenous culture, businesses, culinary delights, tourism opportunities are all closely interwoven throughout the Canadian bid to host IGC 2028.

At BHP our purpose is to bring people and resources together to build a better world. This aligns well with the theme for the Canadian IGC bid 'Geosciences for Humanity'. BHP is pleased to see that Canada's bid includes plans to promote the geosciences nationally and internationally, including their innovative and diverse GeoPromotion competition, development of geoscience modules for primary and secondary schools, and their proposed Future of Geosciences Daily Keynotes .

Because mineral exploration is important to the Canadian economy and historically significant to Canada, the Canadian IGC plans include incorporating an investor exchange, mineral exploration core shack and the opportunity for countries and companies to show case their geology in the GeoExpo. In particular, BHP notes two Keynote Daily Themes include "Critical Minerals and Sustainable Energy Transition" and "Sustainability, Climate Change, and Natural Hazards" where panel discussions will involve multiple stake-holders that frequently don't get the opportunity to connect such as economists, politicians, policy-makers, medical specialists, engineers, geographers and geoscientists. These panels will start and finish off these days with charismatic general interest plenary speakers to attract the general public. The combination of these Keynote Daily Themes with inclusion of the mineral exploration community is designed to bridge between the traditional academic IGC community and industrial partners. BHP applauds this effort to bring together critical diverse stakeholders around the challenge of sustainably supplying material and energy resources to society.

Given the above, BHP feels that Canada is well positioned to host a very high-quality and well-attended IGC in Calgary in 2028. Should the Canadian bid be successful, BHP will seek to sponsor the conference and will have geoscientists willing to assist with organisation of key technical sessions and paper contributions.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cam McCuaig".

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