

March 12th, 2024

**Dhiraj Banerjee and John Ludden Co-chairs
International Geological Congress Committee**

c/o Secretariat, 37th International Geological Congress
813 New Building, 22, Teheran-ro 7-gil, Gangnam-gu, Seoul, 06130 Republic of Korea

Re: Bringing the 2028 International Geological Congress to Canada

Dear **Dhiraj Banerjee and John Ludden**,

On behalf of Destination Canada, I wish to express my full support for holding the International Geological Congress 2028 in **Calgary**.

As Canada's Crown corporation responsible for promoting our country as a premier destination for tourism and hosting sector-specific business events, we support Canadian destination partners in their bids to bring international conferences to Canada.

Canadian locations are a top choice for hosting global conferences, thanks to our reputation as a warm, welcoming and inspiring country, reflected by more than 200 diverse cultures in vibrant urban centres from coast to coast to coast.

These centres are home to a wealth of intellectual capital, innovative industries and visionary speakers leading Canada's excellence in **Natural Resources** that will ensure your conference exceeds all expectations.

Calgary, Alberta, is safe, diverse, and walkable, showcasing Canada's welcoming and inclusive spirit.

Destination Canada is in full support of Calgary's bid to host the International Geological Congress in 2028 and we would be pleased to commit up to 1,000,000 (one million) CAD towards hosting this important event, if Calgary is selected.

We look forward to hosting you in Canada and I am confident the planning committee will create an event that leaves a positive and meaningful legacy for your organization, Calgary, and Canada.

Thank you for considering Calgary.

Sincerely,



Virginie de Visscher
Executive Director, Business Events, Destination Canada