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John Ludden and Dhiraj Banerjee
Co-chairs International Geological Congress Committee
c/o Secretariat, 37th International Geological Congress
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Dear John Ludden and Dhiraj Banerjee,

On behalf of Geoscience BC, this letter is in support of the Canadian bid to host the International Geological Congress (IGC) 2028.

Geoscience BC is an independent, not-for-profit society that generates public geoscience research and data about British Columbia's minerals, energy and water resources. This advances knowledge, informs responsible development, encourages investment and stimulates innovation.

Geoscience BC has over 190 members and is growing. Our collaboration with the resource sectors, academia, communities, Indigenous groups and government develops and shares unbiased and credible earth science research and data. We have completed over 220 projects since 2005 and have 12 current projects. For more background, please see our website at <https://www.geosciencebc.com/>.

Our reasons to support the Canadian bid to host IGC 2028 include:

1. Creating opportunities to showcase Geoscience BC projects and suggesting relevant scientific content, research materials and qualified speakers (subject matter experts) for IGC 2028;
2. Engaging provincial and Canadian government agencies and academic research institutions to provide scientific content and research materials to IGC 2028;
3. Promoting IGC 2028 to our network to increase registration and attendance at the event; and
4. Highlighting opportunities for our staff and members to volunteer at IGC 2028.

We look forward to collaborating with the local organizing committee to support the bid to host IGC 2028.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 778-233-6459 or dirom@geosciencebc.com.

Thank you,



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