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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

To the International Geological Congress Committee:

RE: Letter of support for the 2028 IGC

The Manitoba Geological Survey would like to lend its support for the bid of the International Geological Congress (ICG) in Calgary, Alberta, Canada for 2028.

The Manitoba Geological Survey is a provincial geological survey responsible for the framework geoscience of the Province of Manitoba, Canada. Located in the centre of the country, Manitoba's geology is multi-faceted and diverse, with world class mineral deposits and excellent exploration opportunity. Our mineral areas include the Thompson Nickel Belt which hosts multiple nickel mines (Vale), Flin Flon-Snow Lake (Hudbay Minerals Inc.) area as a host of copper, nickel and gold mines, and the only cesium mine and Canada's first lithium mine (Tanco) at Bernic Lake.

Canada's geoscience community is vibrant, productive, diverse and multicultural, making it the ideal place to host the world at the ICG in Calgary, Alberta in 2028.

The Manitoba Geological Survey looks forward to supporting this important venture should Canada be successful in its bid.

Sincerely,

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