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Drs. Dhiraj Banerjee and John Ludden
Co-chairs, International Geological Congress Committee
c/o Secretariat, 37th International Geological Congress
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RE: Letter of Support

Dear Drs. Banerjee and Ludden,

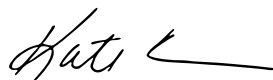
I am writing to document Ocean Networks Canada's (ONC) support of the Canadian bid for hosting the International Geological Congress in Calgary in 2028 (IGC2028) that will bring together the geoscience community under the proposed theme "Geoscience for Humanity". This theme aligns well with ONC's primary goals that deliver solutions for science, society, and industry.

ONC's distributed observatory networks on Canada's three coasts enable ocean-based scientific research and includes many systems that advance our understanding of geological processes and their associated geohazards which particularly impact vulnerable coastal communities. ONC is also leading an initiative that will utilize ocean crust to sequester carbon dioxide as a promising means to mitigate climate change, an area of increased research focus and prominence at geoscience meetings.

In the bidding process and hopefully the subsequent execution of hosting IGC2028 in Canada, ONC staff will be supporting relevant committees and working groups that will create a meaningful and contemporary program, including potential workshops and field trips, and, in particular, sharing with delegates ONC's prominent and successful partnerships with Indigenous communities that acknowledges and embraces the power of Indigenous knowledge.

We welcome the opportunity to create, with you, an extraordinary IGC 2028 in Canada.

Sincerely,



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