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Subject: Letter of Support for the Extreme Earth Initiative

Dear Dr Peter Bauer,

On behalf of EARSC, I am pleased to support the Extreme Earth Initiative, a proposed FET Flagship Programme FETFLAG-01-2018 of the European Commission (EC) that starts with a CSA proposal ExtremeEarth-PP as its preparatory project.

EARSC is the European organization which – on a non-profit basis – promotes the use of Earth Observation (EO) technology and especially the companies in Europe which offer EO-related products and services. We are a membership-based organisation with the mission to foster the development of the European EO geo-information services industry. Today, EARSC has over 100 members comprising companies of all sizes from 22 European countries. The sector is dominated by small and micro companies which make up over 95% of the population.

The ExtremeEarth project's scientific, technological and programmatic objectives are of interest for the industry. We are generally interested in supporting innovative and promising approaches that demonstrate the value of EO technologies and especially to extend the user base. The industry is also interested to work with partners to extend the range of commercial products to be offered. Finally, EARSC supports the mission of ExtremeEarth that will revolutionize Europe's capability to predict and monitor environmental extremes and their impacts on the society.

We shall be interested to be kept informed on the progress and to support the activities through the industry network. We can envisage industrial interest to engage with the project as it progresses and can offer to facilitate networking between the project and the EO service community.

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This endorsement does not imply any legal or financial commitments towards the ExtremeEarth project. Support will imply that statements and logos of supporters may be shown on the ExtremeEarth website.

We are looking forward to future interactions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "F.G. Sawyer".

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EARSC Secretary General