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To:

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subject: Support to MAPS4SCIENCE

Dear Peter,

With great interest that we learned about your initiative to develop a large scale research facility Maps4Science. From our role as an international partner, this facility brings the Netherlands back into action with our international network of networks.

The GEOIDE Network has fourteen years of experience in networking across universities in Canada. We have 34 member institutions, linked to over 100 partners in industry and government. We have invested over 80,000,000\$CAD in research ties to local needs. We have joined with four other networks in Australia, New Zealand, South Korea, Mexico and Sweden to make a Global Network for Networks. We hope your new entity, Maps4Science, can join us in our collaboration.

We support your consortium and your application because we see benefits to the science community in Netherlands and around the world. Access to current data sources is extremely important to take a role in the international research community.

Maps4Science is an important initiative that will allow the Netherlands research community to play a key role globally. It will allow us to play a leading role in the research and innovation into open, shared, and linked location data and how it can be used in many fields of science.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicholas Chrisman".

Nicholas Chrisman, President
GEOIDE Network, Canada