



Letter of Intent for the foundation and future of Maps4Science January 4, 2012

The partners of Maps4Science hereby commit,

Considering that:

- The production, handling, analysis and integration of geo-information are of paramount importance for innovating our economy and understanding our complex society
- The flood of geo-data from sensors, satellites, mobile devices and citizens/social media requires guarantees for regulations for access and use
- Stable facilities are needed to facilitate the management of the high volumes of geo-information

To make the following arrangements:

- 1) After granting of the Maps4Science proposal, we will investigate the legal form for Maps4Science, guaranteeing the good governance and efficient operation and future of the consortium.
- 2) To guarantee the future for the Maps4Science Facility, DANS and 3TUDatacentre/TU Delft have the intention to take the responsibility to provide data access after the duration of Maps4Science on a standard level compliant with regulations for access and use respecting rights and obligations of users and data providers.

DANS will bring in its expertise on the curation and long-term preservation of research data. Moreover, linking data to communities and electronic publications across scientific domains is a key element in the strategy of DANS. The 3TU Datacentre/TU Delft will bring in its experience and expertise of serving geodata and hosting the 3TUDatacentre and extend that to the whole Dutch science community.

- 3) The consortium partners will specify the business model to generate revenues in order to maintain the data and services of the Maps4Science Facility during and after the project period.

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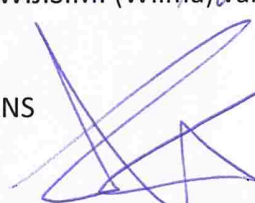
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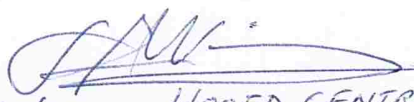
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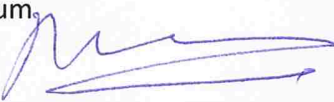
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