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subject: Support to MAPS4SCIENCE

Dear professor van Oosterom,

With great interest and much satisfaction the ICT Innovation Platform for Geo-information (IIPGeo) in the Netherlands has initiated the NWO call: "National Roadmap for Large-Scale Research Facilities" through establishing a consortium of leading Dutch Universities. We are pleased that the TU Delft has taken the lead of this consortium. We compliment you with your efforts and the final application for funding to develop a large scale research facility: called Maps4Science.

IIPGeo operates in the Netherlands in the triangle formed by the Government sector, the Business sector and the Research and Education sector. It is our aim to combine these sectors in their effort to further enhance and develop the geo-information sector in the Netherlands. IIPGeo has not only assisted the consortium to prepare the application, but also used its well established network in the Netherlands geo-information sector to mobilize support amongst not only research organizations and universities, but also amongst government organizations and private business.

Maps4Science is an important initiative for IIPGeo because it is a crucial enabler for many scientists to improve and extend their research. Maps4Science will enable the Netherlands science community to reach and keep a top level position in a broad range of science domains. 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.

Maps4Science will ultimately be very beneficial for IIPGeo and the entire Netherlands science community and geo-information sector, including Universities, Research and Government organizations and private companies.

On behalf of IIPGeo, with best regards,

Ir. Th. Thewessen
Chairman