

RE: Support for CFREF initiative

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Cher Bruno,

Thank you for your letter of inquiry and your request for support for this important initiative. The GSC is certainly supportive and understandably pleased to hear that Laurentian University is using its opportunity with Canada First Research Excellence Fund to propose a research program centred on metal endowment research.

The Metal Earth proposal that you've forwarded to me would provide Canada, if successful, with an opportunity to develop a research consortium focusing on the geosciences that will add support Canada's leadership in ore deposit research, similar to other national metallogenic research initiatives.

As you are aware, NRCan is mandated to study the geology and mining camps of Canada and has a long history of working with the geoscience community in the provision of geoscience to support mineral and metallogeny research. Currently, NRCan delivers this mandate under its Geo-mapping for Energy and Minerals (GEM) and Targeted Geoscience Initiative (TGI) Programs, both of which have been renewed until 2020. There certainly could be opportunities and clear linkages for NRCan and Metal Earth to coordinate their efforts to more effectively generate geoscience of economic and societal benefit. As such, NRCan endorses your efforts to add fundamental public geoscience knowledge about the processes that lead to ore deposit formation.

I wish you all the best in this endeavour!

Salutations,

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