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Northwest Territories Geological Survey
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Re: Endorsement of Metal Earth mineral exploration research

To the Selection Committee – Canada First Research Excellence Fund:

The Northwest Territories Geological Survey (NTGS) would like to take this opportunity to endorse Laurentian Universities' proposed Metal Earth mineral exploration research initiative. Laurentian has an excellent track record of collaboration with the NTGS on mineral deposit research, and we are confident the resources would be used efficiently to build upon this existing relationship.

The research proposal represents a tremendous opportunity to improve our understanding of far northern mineral deposits, and develop new northern researchers. Both these activities align with the mandate and interests of the NTGS.

The NTGS can bring a wide variety of resources to the partnership, including direct or in-kind support such as mentoring of graduate students and logistical support for fieldwork.

The NTGS is pleased that Laurentian Universities' Mineral Exploration Research Centre has taken the initiative for fulsome northern mineral deposits research with their Metal Earth proposal, we look forward to collaborating with them under the initiative.

Sincerely,



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