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Letter of Support

Dear Dean,

Newmont is fortunate to have had a succession of talented, well-trained geologists from the University of Minnesota Duluth. We strongly support the current proposal to establish the Precambrian Research Center (PRC).

As an industry we lament the dwindling numbers of well-trained field geologists who know how to produce a good field map. There appears to be an entire generation of geologists who lack this fundamental skill set. It is very gratifying to see a proposal with such a strong emphasis on the field-based component of mapping and we strongly endorse such a program.

As an Australian, and as part of my role with Newmont, I have seen firsthand the value of the various Mineral Deposit Research groups in Australia and can attest to their important role in tackling current research issues and topics in collaboration with the mineral industry. This type of research can rarely be funded inhouse, so collaborative studies are one of the most economical means of gaining access to current research in a timely manner.

We wish you every success in this endeavor and please keep us informed on its progress.

Best regards,
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