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Dear Prof. Alberto C. RICCARDI

Greetings and good wishes from India. I have the privilege to convey that Geological Survey of India, on behalf of the geoscientists of India, have decided to bid for hosting the 36<sup>th</sup> International Geological Congress – 2020 and for this we shall be participating in the bidding during the 34<sup>th</sup> IGC, 2012 in Brisbane, Australia. Our proposal is to host the 36<sup>th</sup> IGC jointly with the National Science Academies of our neighbouring countries viz., Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. The main event is proposed to be hosted at National Capital Region, Delhi and field excursions will be arranged in India and the co-hosting neighbouring countries. This occasion will provide opportunity to the international geoscientific community to experience the diverse geological milieu and exchange geoscientific knowledge and expertise to meet the emerging challenges.

2. Geological Survey of India (GSI) is a 162 years old premier Earth Science Organization of Government of India with nearly 4,000 officers engaged in diversified range of activities spanning baseline geoscientific data acquisition, natural mineral resource assessment, geoinformatics, public good geosciences and fundamental research. The enclosed booklet highlights GSI's activities and capabilities.

3. Besides GSI, the region has an estimated 10,000 geoscientists engaged in basic and applied geological research and over 50 dedicated Geoscience institutions and Centers. Most of them have pledged their total support to GSI in successful organization of the proposed 36<sup>th</sup> IGC in India.

4. The host city Delhi has an excellent track record of hosting mega international events and is well endowed with all the infrastructural facilities and excellent hospitality to host such an international event. Delhi has good numbers of different class of hotels.
5. The Congress is proposed to be held at Indian Exposition Centre in Greater Noida, a fully integrated state of the art exhibition cum convention facility which has eight halls with a seating capacity for 4000 delegates and also has excellent facility to host plenary session.
6. It is my privilege to request you to extend your cooperation and consider India's bid proposal for hosting the 36<sup>th</sup> IGC favourably. Accordingly, I hereby submit the bid document entitled "Geosciences: The Basic Science for Sustainable Future - South Asia Bids for 36th International Geological Congress, 29 November - 05 December, 2020, Delhi, India (Co-Hosted by Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan & Sri Lanka)" along with other enclosures. The softcopy of the same is also being mailed to you.

With profound regards,

Cordially Yours,

Encl : As stated above.

  
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