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Membership Application for the IGSN Implementation Organisation

Dear IGSN Executive Board

Geoscience Australia (GA) wishes to apply for a full membership of the IGSN Implementation Organisation.

GA is a prescribed Australian Government agency within the Department of Industry portfolio. GA is steward and a holder of a significant number of Australian geoscientific collections that are of national significance, including a large collection of the geological, geochronological and geochemical, etc. samples, many of which are from offshore well locations. GA recognises that geoscientific samples and data are valuable resources which have a high cost of acquisition and should be well managed and made available to a variety of stakeholders including scientific research, management and planning, policy and decision making, and economic activities.

GA sees the IGSN membership as an opportunity of improving international collaboration and building globally interoperable infrastructures. As an allocating agent, GA will integrate its sample collection within the Internationally recognised registry. In addition, GA will investigate allocation IGSN numbers to a wider geoscientific community for other Australian Government agencies, mainly the State and Territory Geological Surveys.

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