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It is with great pleasure that the Canadian National Committee for Geoparks endorses the application from the Tumbler Ridge Aspiring Geopark located in northern British Columbia to join the Global Geopark Network. Two representatives of our committee, Pierre Verpaelst, a geoheritage specialist formerly with the Quebec government, and I were on a site visit to Tumbler Ridge in July and saw for ourselves the tremendous geoheritage assets of the region and the opportunity that the proposed geopark represents for the area. We are confident that the sites identified will constitute an excellent geopark. The magnificent diversity of outstanding and accessible mountain geology, extraordinary waterfalls and dinosaur fossils and trackways will provide for an excellent geopark. The geopark will have activities suitable for everyone from the motoring tourist to hikers to those seeking adventurous backcountry experiences.

We are equally confident that the management plan is designed to ensure the proper development and effective administration of the geopark now and in the future. Furthermore, we can personally attest to the great talent and enthusiasm of the many individuals and organizations in the community of Tumbler Ridge and surrounding area that have come together to form this remarkable geopark project.

We know that the Tumbler Ridge proponents are looking forward to visits from the Global Geoparks Network and even more so to the prospect of being a part of that network. This is the second geopark application from Canada and we are aware of great interest in several other communities in different parts of the country.

Yours sincerely,

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