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Dear Mr. Versluis,

It is with great interest that Geonovum learned about your initiative to develop a consortium Maps4Society. This consortium will most efficiently contribute to reach our goals to stimulate the use, innovation and knowledge of Geo-information. It is therefore with great pleasure that I hereby declare that our organisation will support the Maps4Society consortium.

Geonovum is the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) executive committee in the Netherlands. We devote ourselves to providing better access to geo-information in the public sector and scientific community. Our main goals are:

- to make the national geo-information infrastructure more accessible to the public sector and scientific community in the Netherlands and the European Union (accessibility);
- to develop, standardise and innovate the national geo-information infrastructure (standardisation);
- to build up and disseminate knowledge in the area of the geo-information infrastructure and advice on the strategic agenda of the national geo-information infrastructure (knowledge).

This consortium Maps4Society is important to us, because it will enlarge the access to geo-information of the Dutch community. This consortium will be an integral part of the national geo-information infrastructure and a such to the international geo-information infrastructure. It will not only improve scientific research by the use of geo-information, but it will also stimulate the Dutch industry to invest and let the community benefits a broader use of Geo-information.

Maps4Society is an important initiative that will be a crucial enabler for the Dutch industry to improve and extend their business. Maps4Society provides a significant improvement of the current situation as it will help to identify and more importantly break down the legal, technical and organisational barriers that now prohibit the scientific community to use geo-information to its full potential. Maps4Society will enable the Netherlands science community to reach and keep a top level position in a broad range of science domains. It will allow us to play a leading role in the research and innovation into open, shared, and linked location data and how it can be used in many fields of science.

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With kind regards, Geonovum

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