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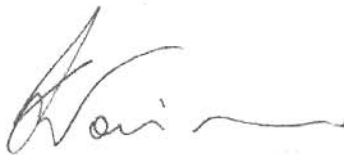
February 24, 2004

RE: DUSEL – Kimballton

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to confirm my interest in the DUSEL-Kimballton project. My research is focused on hydraulic fracturing (a method to stimulate oil and gas reservoirs) and is concerned with scaling laws, numerical models, and laboratory experiments. The Kimballton site is ideal for the conduct of hydraulic fractures experiments that would be designed to verify scaling laws and other theoretical predictions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Emmanuel', followed by a long, horizontal, wavy line.

Emmanuel Detournay
Professor