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Robert J. Bodnar University Distinguished Professor, and C. C. Garvin Professor of Geochemistry Department of Geosciences 4053 Derring Hall, Virginia Tech Blacksburg, VA 24061

Dear Dr. Bodnar;

Subject: NSF Deep Underground Science and Engineering Laboratory at Kimballton

As we discussed, I am available to help with your initiative for designing the DUSEL Facility at Kimballton.

I understand the application is due today, and that this letter will serve as my commitment to the project for the next phase.

Sincerely yours

C. Derek Martin, PhD, PEng, PGeol

Professor (Geotechnical)