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To:

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Dear Dr. Sigmundsson,

Thank you for your proposal to establish the Icelandic volcanoes permanent Supersite. On behalf of the Scientific Advisory Committee, I am happy to inform you that your proposal has been positively reviewed and that we have recommended CEOS to support your data request.

We congratulate you and your Futurevolc team on the exemplary open-data policies.

As you know, the vision of the GSNL initiative is to provide open access to both, new and older in-situ geophysical data. Your proposal only addresses new but not the older data as requested in the proposal guidelines. We understand that this is because your team's current focus is on new instrumentation and that the older data have been of lower priority.

We therefore would like to request that you provide a plan for access to the older, pre-Futurevolc data by April 30, 2014. This corresponds to a 1-year review of the Supersite for its relevance for advancing GEOSS. This is a slight deviation from the regular review period every two years.

Sincerely,

Falk Amelung
Chair, Scientific Advisory Committee