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**Letter of Support: FuturICT FET flagship project**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am writing to confirm that EMC Information Systems International expresses strong support for the FuturICT FET flagship project which is being coordinated by Professor Steven Bishop of UCL and Professor Dirk Hebling of ETH-Zurich.

EMC is a global leader in enabling businesses and service providers to transform their operations and deliver information technology as a service (ITaaS). Through innovative products and services, EMC helps IT departments to store, manage, protect and analyse their most valuable asset – information – in a more agile, trusted and cost-efficient way. EMC, through its Research Europe group at the Ireland Centre of Excellence, continues to grow its R&D profile outside of North America and build on the sustained and substantial investment in research and development, a cumulative investment of more than €14 billion since 2003.

The grand challenges that the FuturICT project will demand of the ICT industry will encourage tremendous collaborative innovation to yield the next great scientific and engineering breakthroughs in this sector and are well aligned with EMC's own research interests. EMC has well proven innovation capability to acquire store, process and disseminate very large data sets which will be core technology in this project. EMC is very excited by the FuturICT project and is looking forward to further collaboration if the project is successfully funded.

Sincerely,



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