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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Flagship FuturICT

As the Principal of the Faculty of Engineering and Deputy Rector of Imperial College London, I hereby confirm the College's great interest in and support for the proposed Flagship FuturICT.

The FuturICT project is an ambitious, cross-cutting, inter-disciplinary project which embraces a number of important research themes that are critical to the College's mission. As well the significant engineering challenges and the innovation in ICT, for which there are a number of our academics with relevant expertise and experience, there are complementary initiatives in transport and environment science that will inform specific application domains of the proposed research programme. Furthermore, the dynamics of complex systems and how to develop an ecological model to be most relevant to economics and sociology is an area of intense activity.

The proposal therefore engages with major activities of two Departments, namely Computing and Electrical & Electronic Engineering, and also the Centre for Transport Studies, and several Research Institutes within the College, in particular the Grantham Institute for Climate Change, the Institute for Security Science & Technology, the Mathematics Institute and the Energy Futures Laboratory.

Imperial College London is fully supportive of the EU's FET Flagship Initiative and, without prejudicing collegiate support for other proposals, the College would like to express its strong support for the FuturICT concept and ambition, its support for those involved in proposal preparation, and confirm its interest in active collaboration should the venture be successful.

Yours faithfully,



Professor Stephen Richardson,
Deputy Rector & Faculty of Engineering Principal.