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To: Dr. Luc Brule,
Chairman of 2013 CEOS,
(Canadian Space Agency)
Email: Luc.Brule@asc-csa.gc.ca

Hanoi, May 10, 2013

Dear Dr. Luc Brule,

On behalf of Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology (VAST), I formally request your consideration for VAST to join the field of membership of the Committee on Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS). I understand that this request must be reviewed by the 2013 CEOS Chair (Canadian Space Agency) as well as the members at the CEOS Plenary Session.

VAST is an Institution mandated by Vietnam Government to take charge of fundamental research in natural science and technology development in priority areas. These areas play a role of the scientific basic for management activities of science and technology as well as making policies and master plan for socio-economic development and high-quality training scientific human resources for the country.

Under the VAST, there are 51 supporting units including 6 management departments, 27 national research institutes, 7 VAST research institutes, 6 non-academic units, 4 self-financing units and 1 company.

Besides, VAST has a system of more than 100 monitoring stations, camps and experimental units located throughout Vietnam to implement investigations on geology, geomagnetism, geography, resources, materials, environmental monitoring, climate change and natural disasters.

With a human equip of 2649 staff members and engineers, of which more than 200 Professors and A/ Professors, 36 Doctors of Science, 700 Doctors, 700 Masters and more than 1000 Bachelors and Engineers, VAST acts a leading role in the national scientific and technological system and conducts basic research on natural sciences, comprehensive and high-standard technological development.

According to the Decision of the Prime Minister of Vietnam, VAST has been put in charge of several important projects such as "Small Satellite observing natural



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resources, environment and disasters” (VNREDSat-1 and VNREDSat-1B), “Vietnam Space Center” and program of National Space Science and Technology.

VAST would like to join CEOS as a member in recognition of contributions that CEOS can bring to the world especially to the developing countries as Vietnam. VAST believes meet the requirement of CEOS and pledges to share data in the frame of VAST’s capacity basing on current Regulations by Government of Social Republic of Vietnam.

For more effective dialogues between VAST and CEOS, I would like to nominate Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ninh Khac Ban, Director of International Cooperation Department as Principle Representative and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pham Anh Tuan, Director of Vietnam National Satellite Center as Contact Person of VAST. Please kindly contact Mr. Ban by his email address: ninhkhacban@vast.vn, phone number +84 4 3756 1725; OR Mr. Tuan by patuan@vnsc.org.vn, phone number +84 4 3791 5106.

Thank you again for your kind consideration and I hope that this application will be reviewed as early as possible for approval to join the field of membership of CEOS.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Chau Van Minh
President