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CEOS acceptance of the Virunga Volcanoes Geohazard Supersite

Dear Mr. Balagizi,

On behalf of the Committee on Earth Observing Satellites (CEOS) it is my privilege to inform you that the CEOS Plenary, at its 31st session on October 19th - 20th, 2017, in accordance with the selection process accepted in October 2015, following the positive evaluation by the GSNL SAC and recommendation by the Data Coordination Team of the CEOS WG Disasters, based on the proposal you submitted, has accepted to support the Virunga Volcanoes Geohazard Supersite.

CEOS agencies intend to support the Virunga Volcanoes Geohazard Supersite with the following data resources:

Agencia Spaziale Italiana (ASI)	COSMO-Skymed: entire archived imagery over the AOI + 100 new products/year for a period of 2 years
Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (CNES)	Pleiades: quota of 9 images tristereo (on the basis of one Pléiades monoscopic scene 400km ²) / year which is roughly equivalent to 3.600km ² of tristereo acquisitions / year, for a period of 2 years. Total ~22.000 km ² .
European Space Agency (ESA)	Sentinel-1, -2, -3: no quota, data is freely accessible
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)	ASTER no quota, data is freely accessible EO-1 (Hyperion) no quota, data is freely accessible MODIS: no quota, data is freely accessible
US Geological Survey (USGS)	Landsat: no quota, data is freely accessible
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency (NOAA)	AVHRR: no quota, data is freely accessible

Data will be made available free of charge for the purposes described in your proposal for the Supersite, and on a best-effort basis. Individual data access procedures and applicable license and access conditions are identified in the instructions annexed to this letter.

According to the CEOS approach to the GEO GSNL, CEOS will regularly review the Virunga Volcanoes Geohazard Supersite for progress and continued relevance to the objectives of the GSNL. The first such review is foreseen before the end of the initial two years period, i.e. in autumn 2019.

Sincerely,



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on behalf of the CEOS WG Disasters Data Coordination Team