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STARS Steering Committee
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
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RE: University of British Columbia STARS Submission

Dear STARS Steering Committee,

On behalf of the University of British Columbia, it is my pleasure to present our report for the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System. This report represents a substantial, campus-wide effort to assess and report on our sustainability achievements. Compiled through a rigorous data collection and review process, I can affirm that our submission is complete and accurate.

As an internationally recognized leader in sustainability, UBC's STARS submission reflects a tradition of sustainability excellence developed over the last 20 years. Building on our achievements to date, UBC continues to advance the integration of academic and operational sustainability and leverage our unique position as a university to transform our campuses into societal test-beds for sustainable research, technologies and strategies.

UBC has made significant progress towards implementing our award-winning Vancouver Campus Climate Action Plan and ambitious greenhouse gas reduction targets, despite significant campus growth, achieved through the pioneering Bioenergy Research and Demonstration Facility, Academic District Energy System steam to hot water conversion, and optimization of energy performance in all major buildings on campus.

UBC continues to embed sustainability across the curriculum and provide numerous applied research and leadership opportunities to students, including sustainability-related work experience through the Greenest City Scholars Program, an innovative partnership with the City of Vancouver, and through the SEEDS Sustainability Program, which engaged 900 students, faculty and staff in applied campus sustainability research projects during the STARS reporting period.

We have also laid a strong foundation for next generation sustainability at UBC. Following a comprehensive community engagement process in 2014, we developed a 20-Year Sustainability Strategy for the Vancouver campus, providing a long-term strategic direction for sustainability at UBC across teaching, learning and research, operations and infrastructure and the community.

STARS has proven to be a valuable tool for measuring progress and for challenging us to establish and continue to strive toward highly ambitious, long-term sustainability goals. UBC is committed to participating in STARS as a Charter Participant and is pleased to achieve a Gold STARS rating.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Arvind Gupta', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Arvind Gupta
President and Vice-Chancellor