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Dear AASHE STARS Program staff,

As the former and first executive director of the Interdisciplinary Research Centre on the Operationalization of Sustainable Development (CIRODD), it is my pleasure to offer my affirmation that the creation of the CIRODD meets the intention of the innovation credit for STARS reporting.

Initiated by professors at Polytechnique Montréal, the CIRODD was created in November 2013 and is located at Polytechnique. The CIRODD is innovative by being the first strategic cluster of researchers on sustainable development in Québec. It is made up of more than 80 researchers coming from 12 universities and 4 colleges and whose expertise cover a great variety of disciplines, that include life cycle assessment, corporate social responsibility, environmental and public health, eco-design, urban design, process engineering, industrial symbiosis, green logistics, sustainability measurement and analysis, environmental policy and legislation, green economics and sustainable innovation.

I confirm that the CIRODD is a unique centre for research on crosscutting issues in sustainable development operationalization. It has developed a synergetic research environment for experts from a wide range of disciplines seeking to carry out interdisciplinary projects to generate the knowledge and tools required to implement truly sustainable solutions. In less than three years, it has already become a catalyst for interdisciplinary research in this area of strategic interest for Québec. The hard work of the team, who tend to be more and more multidisciplinary, has helped the CIRODD garner an international reputation.

Sincerely,

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