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Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) 2401 Walnut St. – Suite 102 Philadelphia, PA 19103, USA

Subject: Polytechnique Montréal's STARS Submission

Dear STARS Program Representatives,

It is my pleasure to announce that Polytechnique Montréal is submitting its third STARS report.

This submission was prepared through the collaborative work of the entire Polytechnique Montréal community. At Polytechnique Montréal, we strongly believe that sustainable development should be part of everyday life and that it must be a fundamental component of the education of future generations of engineers. Our first STARS report truly helped us to position Polytechnique in our journey towards sustainability. The rating thus obtained allowed a better understanding of our strong points but also of our weaknesses. Polytechnique's Sustainability Action Plan for 2016-2020 was built in parallel to this first submission, keeping in mind the various STARS criteria. Drawing from our learnings from previous submissions, the most recent Sustainability Action Plan for 2020-2025 goes even further in the integration of sustainable development in academics, research, operations, and community outreach both inside and outside Polytechnique's walls.

Seeking a third STARS rating appeared to Polytechnique Montréal's management team as a logical step in a continuous improvement process. Reporting in the STARS program helps our community to size our progress. Knowing the impacts but also the opportunities that engineering has to offer, we are proud to be part of this growing international movement of universities that take action towards a more sustainable future.

Yours sincerely,

Gilles Savard Interim President

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