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To whom it may concern

We, University of Bologna – Department of Civil, Chemical, Environmental and Materials Engineering, are writing to express support for the application to the Centre of Excellence (SFF) scheme, led by Professor Nicola Paltrinieri, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), for the proposed Centre initiative NordNatech.

We recognize the scientific relevance and ambition of *NordNatech*, and strongly support the initiative. We value our ongoing relationship with NTNU through cooperation in international research projects and co-tuition of Ph.D. students, and see clear potential for mutually beneficial collaboration aligned with the Centre's thematic focus.

Should the proposal be invited to the next stage, we are open to continuing dialogue and identifying suitable avenues for interaction, including research collaboration and joint activities on Natech risk assessment and management, preparation of follow-up projects, co-tutoring and exchange of Ph.D. students.

We wish NTNU success in this competitive process.

Sincerely,

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