

## **THE IRON MOUNTAINS GEOPARK**

**Annex no. 3: Letter of Intence**



**HISTORY OF THE EARTH IN TWO DAYS**

**November 2015**

Prague, 19 November 2015  
Ref. No.: 124748/2015-OSN

Sir,

On behalf of the Czech Commission for UNESCO I have the pleasure to inform you that the Czech Republic intends to submit an application dossier of the Iron Mountains National Geopark to become UNESCO Global Geopark, recognising that it will be subject to formal control and following evaluation process against the agreed criteria.

This nomination is supported by the Minister of the Environment which is responsible for geopark's agenda in the Czech Republic and was approved by the National Geoparks Council (Minister's advisory body).

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Karel Komárek  
Secretary-General

Prof. Patrick J Mc Keever  
Chief of Section  
Earth Sciences and Geohazard Risk Reduction  
Secretary of the International Geoscience  
and Geoparks Programme  
UNESCO  
**P a r i s**

**Richard Brabec**  
Minister of the Environment

Prague, 12. November 2015  
Ref. No.: 69476/ENV/15, 3346/M/15

Dear Mr. Director

I have received your request to support your efforts to join the European Geoparks Network and UNESCO Global Geoparks network under the auspices of UNESCO.

I highly appreciate your readiness to professionally represent the Czech Republic in the field of Geoparks on the international level and I am glad you added my recommendation to your application.

Best regards

Sir,  
Dr. Daniel Smutek  
Director of the Iron Mountains National Geopark  
U Vodárny 137  
537 01 Chrudim



**Richard Brabec**  
ministr životního prostředí

V Praze dne 12. listopadu 2015  
Č. j.: 69476/ENV/15, 3346/M/15

Vážený pane řediteli,

obdržel jsem Vaši žádost o vyjádření podpory Národnímu geoparku Železné hory v úsilí o vstup do Evropské sítě geoparků a Světové sítě geoparků pod patronací UNESCO.

Vážím si Vašeho odhodlání kvalitně reprezentovat Českou republiku v oblasti geoparků na mezinárodní úrovni a rád připojuji své doporučení k Vašemu motivačnímu dopisu.

S pozdravem

Vážený pan  
RNDr. Daniel Smutek  
ředitel Národního geoparku Železné hory  
U Vodárny 137  
537 01 Chrudim

## **THE IRON MOUNTAINS GEOPARK – Request for Letter of Endorsement. Application for UNESCO Global Geopark**

The application for becoming a UNESCO Global Geopark is based on a nearly 40 years long work in this region (from that running 5 years as the Iron Mountains Geopark or the Iron Mountains National Geopark).

Very good knowledge of the area and long-term cooperation with locals convinced the representatives of villages, towns and municipality in general about meaningfulness of the National Geopark Project which they go along with and which they help to develop. Schools of different grades, universities, research places and commercial subjects have come to the same conclusion.

Being part of UNESCO Global Geopark is an important impulse for the Geopark's development and is a possibility how to generate a wide spectrum of activities that our region can profit both socially (education) and commercially (development of tourism) from.

Our conviction that we work within the principles and rules convenient with The EGN Charter (see Page 4) come among other things from:

- The long-term process of geoscientific education at primary and secondary schools, education of teachers from the entire region and expert and lay public.
- Establishing and continual developing the Geopark's infrastructure connecting the important geosites proving the unique diversity of geological composition of the area and the history of the Earth's life from the Precambrian to the present.
- The tourist and bicycle paths (routes) network going through variety of pleasant landscapes without any important industrial or agricultural strain.
- The established information centres network that has been enriched by the interpretation centres – „Gates into the Iron Mountains“
- The long-term cooperation with the likes of Iron Mountains Protected Landscape Area, Czech Geological Survey and the representatives of the municipalities which enables further development and higher quality information for the Geopark's visitors and creation of the requirements for further development of geotourism.
- The themes and topics of educational programmes such as “Earth's history in two days” or “Journey in quest of water”.

One of the Geopark's aims after being endorsed as UNESCO Global Geopark is to contribute to the sustainable development of tourism by using appropriate educational and marketing tools, next this Geopark aims to take part in the cross-disciplinary research and to continue raising awareness about geological history of the area among wider public. These activities are recently realised mostly by using interpretational infrastructure which is and will be intensively developed.

Those of us who initiated and are shaping the Iron Mountains Geopark are fully aware of the responsibility and severity of the commitment that imposes the membership within the European/Global Geoparks Network. We fully believe that this initiative is in compliance with the Geopark's Network. We also believe that many benefits are arising from the expertise of the network and its members – both for development of our communities as well as for the preservation of our outstanding natural and cultural resources for future generations.

The undersigned express their wish and willingness to become UNESCO Global Geopark, to collaborate and cooperate with other Geoparks and to manage the Iron Mountains Geopark in accordance with the UNESCO's rules and principles.

Chrudim November 2015

RNDr. Daniel Smutek

Managing Director and Director of Vodní zdroje Chrudim  
and Director of the Iron Mountains National Geopark





**národní geopark**

Ministerstvo životního prostředí

Certifikát č. 3/ Certificate No. 03  
Pro období / for the period 1.5. 2012 – 1.5. 2016

Ministerstvo životního prostředí České republiky / Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic

uděluje / grants

## **Certifikát Certificate**

**Národní geopark  
National Geopark**

# **ŽELEZNÉ HORY**

Název geoparku / Name of the Geopark

**Vodní zdroje Chrudim spol. s r.o.**

Řídící subjekt geoparku / Managing Subject of the Geopark

**Daniel Smutek**

Ředitel geoparku / Manager of the Geopark

Certifikace je udělena na základě podpisu Charty národních geoparků.  
The certificate is granted on the base of signature of the Charter of National Geoparks.

V případě Radou národních geoparků doloženého porušení jejích principů budou certifikát  
a logo národního geoparku certifikovanému území odebrány.  
In the case of a violation of principles Charter of National Geoparks (proved by the Council of the National  
Geoparks) the certificate and logo of the National Geopark will be taken away.

24. dubna 2012 / 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2012

**Tomáš Chalupa**  
Ministr životního prostředí



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