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Mr Philip GIBBARD International Commission on Stratigraphy Secretary UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE Cambridge CB2 1ER Lensfield Road CAMBRIDGE UNITED KINGDOM

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Dear Sir,

I heard of the recent unanimous vote of the Executive Committee of the IUGS (International Union of Geological Sciences) to ratify the proposal to recognize the departmental site of Serre de l'Âne (Municipality of La Charce) as Global stratigraphic section and point (GSSP) for the Hauterivian stage, previously approved by the International Commission for Stratigraphy and its Cretaceous Sub-Commission.

I strongly congratulate on this long-awaited recognition; in fact, most investments had been made by our organization since 2012: land acquisition, re-routing road, building of a parking place and an educational path,...

I should like to express my thanks to all the members of the scientific community who have contributed, especially the authors of the Hauterivien working group. This team had worked without relax and with determination to prepare the ratified proposal.

That's why I would like to enhance this long term work with you. To this end, I could agree on the modalities for sustain the influence of this remarkable site by puting the famous "Clou d'or". This event will be abble to implement a collective work for many years.

I would be grateful if you could send this letter to all voting people of your Commission who had contribuded to Charce site's recognition.

If you would like any further information, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

Patricia BRUNEL-MAIL

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