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Prof. Philipp Gibbard Secretary General, International Commission on Stratigraphy

Dear Prof. Gibbard,

I am pleased to inform you that the IUGS Executive Committee has voted overwhelmingly to ratify the GSSP proposal for the base of the Artinskian Stage of the Cisuralian Series and Permian System as approved by the International Commission on Stratigraphy and forward to the IUGS EC on 27 January 2022.

Congratulations to the International Commission on Stratigraphy. Also please send congratulations from the IUGS EC to Prof. Lucia Angiolini, Chair of the International Subcommission on Permian Stratigraphy, and to Dr. Valery V. Chernykh, the lead author of the ratified GSSP proposal.

Sincerely,

Stan Finney

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