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To whom it may concern,

I hereby certify that Nikhef, the Dutch National Institute for Subatomic Physics, intends to participate in the SMARTHEP network should the network be selected for funding by the European Commission.

Nikhef recognizes the importance of fostering fruitful exchanges between academic research and industrial applications in the strongly rising field of Data Science. Nikhef also acknowledges the importance of offering to early stage researchers a programme in which they can learn skills ranging from a rigorous academic perspective as well as for connecting fundamental research with industrial applications.

Nikhef will participate in the SMARTHEP network as a beneficiary hosting two ESR positions, for which 36 months of funding for each position is requested, and also host the secondment of ESRs of other partners in the network.

I hereby declare that Nikhef will fund the remaining 12 months of the two Nikhef ESR positions, in order for the ESRs to complete their PhD theses following the regular Dutch academic system.

Sincerely yours,

Arjen van Rijn Institute manager

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