

# **GEO PARK**

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**ANNEX 3**

**LETTERS OF  
SUPPORT AND  
ENDORSEMENT**



**APPLICATION FOR GEOPARK WEST JUTLAND  
TO BECOME A UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK**

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**Endorsement of application from Geopark West Jutland in Denmark to become a UNESCO Global Geopark**

On behalf of the Danish National Commission for UNESCO I am pleased hereby to express our whole-hearted support and recommendation of the application from Geopark West Jutland to become a UNESCO Global Geopark.

28<sup>th</sup> of November 2016  
Sags nr.: 16/10007-4

Geopark West Jutland is delineated by the three independent Municipalities of Lemvig, Struer and Holstebro. The three Municipalities have together developed and established the Geopark around their shared and unique natural heritage, which includes a part of the glacial landscape beneath the sea of Jyske Rev and the western part of Limfjorden.

Geopark West Jutland aims to strengthen the fascination and understanding of the geological heritage as a basis for local identities and development, and to enhance a continued balanced and sustainable development of the area with the active involvement of the local community and through a multitude of partnerships. Geopark West Jutland is among other things focusing on telling the story of the significant geological processes as well as how the area developed through different periods of time.

The visions and overall aims of Geopark West Jutland are perfectly in line with the four fundamental features of a UNESCO Global Geopark. Geopark West Jutland has a unique geological heritage of international value, as underlined and documented in the application. Furthermore, the aspects of Management, Visibility, and Network are a part of the strategy of Geopark West Jutland.

The project of West Jutland as a UNESCO Global Geopark is in line with and a perfect example of our national UNESCO priorities and strategy about conserving and transmitting natural heritage for sustainable development and sustainable tourism. Geopark West Jutland has both the potential and the capacity to contribute positively to the International Geoscience and Geoparks Programme.

For all of these reasons the Danish National Commission for UNESCO reiterates and reinforces its recommendation of the project and application before you from Geopark West Jutland to become a UNESCO Global Geopark.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jens Dalsgaard".

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The municipalities in Holstebro, Struer and Lemvig take great pleasure in expressing our full support for the establishment of the UNESCO Global Geopark West Jutland.

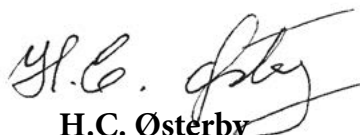
We take great pride in our natural and cultural heritage and we are convinced that the establishment of Geopark West Jutland as a UNESCO Global Geopark will strengthen the sustainable development of the area and provide a long term platform for the cooperation between many partners that share a common goal. With the geopark initiative we also aim to increase our international presence and outlook by joining the international network of geoparks. We are convinced that our geological heritage, cultural history and especially our very strong local communities can contribute positively to the overall goals of UNESCO's International Geoscience and Geoparks Programme

Our three municipalities have played and will continue to play a central role in the development of the Geopark where we have provided the financial and organizational framework for the geopark in a close cooperation with the many voluntary organisations and local communities in the area.

Yours sincerely



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