**To whom it may concern**

**Letter of Interest to join the International Research Consortium on agricultural soil carbon sequestration**

The EC funded (Horizon 2020) project CIRCASA[[1]](#footnote-1) (2017- 2020), aimed to develop international synergies concerning research and knowledge exchange in the field of carbon sequestration in agricultural soils at European Union and global levels, with the active engagement of all relevant stakeholders. To this end, the project leaders set up an International Research Consortium (IRC), to coordinate international collaborative efforts to speed up research and innovations concerning agricultural soil carbon sequestration. The CIRCASA project delivered a strategic Research Agenda, built on three critical topics identified by the scientific community, which will frame the IRC activities:

* Pillar 1 – Frontiers research: unlocking the potential of soil carbon
* Pillar 2 – Soil carbon monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) system
* Pillar 3 – Agro-ecological and technological innovations
* Pillar 4 – Enabling environment and knowledge co-creation

The ultimate goal of the IRC to enhanced agricultural soil carbon sequestration is ambitious. It would benefit the international global warming mitigation effort while contributing to increase food security and to address the land degradation and biodiversity loss issues. Our organization priorities are completely in line with those objectives.

This letter is to confirm that [funding body/ research institution/ company name] is willing to join the IRC on agricultural soil carbon sequestration. Given our organization activities, our participation in the IRC will focus on [choose between pillar 1, 2, 3, 4 one or more]. To this end we nominate [name of the representative of the organization] to be the representative and the general contact of our organization within the IRC.

Yours faithfully,

[Date]

[Name]

[Signature]

1. www.circasa-project.eu [↑](#footnote-ref-1)