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H.E. Bernard Fautrier
Co-Chair, International Coral Reef Initiative
Ministre Plénipotentiaire
Chargé de Mission Auprès du Ministre d'Etat
c/o Fondation Prince Albert II de Monaco
Villa Girasole
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Dear Mr. Fautrier,

Vulcan Inc. would like to apply for membership in the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI). Vulcan's founder, Paul G. Allen, is committed to saving our oceans through catalytic philanthropy and scientific and technological breakthroughs.

Coral reefs are among the most important, diverse, and beautiful ecosystems on the planet. As you know, warming oceans are causing bleaching events – and the death of corals -- on a scale never before seen.

To respond to this crisis, Vulcan is developing the Allen Coral Atlas, the first globally consistent and regularly updated high resolution image data set for coral reefs. By incorporating advances in artificial intelligence, this new monitoring system will issue alerts when coral reef health declines, allowing governments and conservationists to take action to protect reefs threatened by warming waters and other stressors.

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The Allen Coral Atlas is the latest in a series of projects launched by Vulcan to address the coral reef crisis. In 2015, Vulcan made a \$4 million, five-year grant for research into how to improve coral resilience. In 2017, Vulcan provided support for 50 Reefs, an initiative to identify which reefs are most likely to survive climate change and which could be sources for future re-colonization, based on the best available data and modeling.

Vulcan supports ICRI's objectives and seeks to work collaboratively with its members to advance the Continuing Call to Action and Framework for Action. We respectfully request that the Secretariat and membership accept Vulcan's application for membership in ICRI.

Please let me know if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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