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Dear Pål Thjømøe

**RE: Your application for membership of the European Geoparks Network**

Further to your application for membership of the European Geoparks Network, I am pleased to report that the coordination committee had the chance to discuss at length the on-the-spot inspection report submitted to us by our colleagues Dr Jutta Weber and Guy Martini following their recent evaluation mission to the Magma area.

The report noted the high geodiversity of the region and the significant geological heritage present there. However the report also identified some concerns. These centered on the perception that, as it is currently formulated, the geopark project at Magma appears to be largely aimed at the geological community with the scarce interpretation available being largely too technical for the lay person. There was also an impression that not enough effort has yet been made to integrate the geopark project with existing cultural and visitor facilities in the area and that there was very little visibility of the geopark idea "on the ground." The coordination committee also noted that the new management structure had only been established prior to the evaluation mission and perhaps needs time to demonstrate its effectiveness. As such the coordination committee voted to defer a decision on the application of the Magma geopark project as a new member of the European Geoparks Network. We strongly suggest that you work on the above issues and send us a document of clarification when you think you have achieved these things. At that stage, the coordination committee will once again discuss your application for membership.

In the meantime we would be happy to assist you in whatever you need and strongly encourage you to continue with your efforts to obtain membership of our network. We thank you for your interest in joining the European Geoparks Network.

Finally, we would like to welcome you to the next meeting of the Coordination Committee and Annual Conference of the European Geoparks Network in the Naturtejo European Geopark from September 11 – 17, 2009 in Idanha-a-Nova, Portugal [www.geoparknaturtejo.com](http://www.geoparknaturtejo.com). We would also like to inform you that the EGN/GGN organises an International Intensive Course on Geoparks on Lesbos Island, Greece from September 28 to October 3, 2009, in which new Geoparks are encouraged to participate to get further information on EGN operation, activities and promotional tools.

Sincerely

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