



MINISTRY OF ECONOMY
OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC
Lubomír Jahnátek
Minister

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Dear Mr. Minister,

In your letter dated October 2008 you notified me of an intention made by the Republic of Hungary to establish a European Spallation Source (ESS). You are convinced that Hungary, in view of the tradition and strength of its research and development potential, in particular in neutron research, can offer suitable scientific, technical, social and economic conditions for the establishment of such a facility on its territory. You have asked me for cooperation and support for the construction of an ESS facility.

The construction of a new European Neutron Source in Hungary would certainly be an asset for European Union countries, including the Slovak Republic, particularly in the field of neutron research. Therefore I support Hungary's initiative and recommend that expert-level negotiations be held on the prospects of future cooperation.

I propose that Slovakia be represented at negotiations by experts - specialists from the Institute of Physics of the Slovak Academy of Sciences with long experience in this particular field of research - RNDr. Eva Majková, DrSc., RNDr. Stanislav Halva CSc. and Ing. Jozef Krištiak, CSc.. Specialists from other institutions involved in neutron physics, e.g. from the Department of Nuclear Physics and Biophysics of the Faculty of Mathematics, Physics and Informatics of the Comenius University in Bratislava, or from the Department of Nuclear Physics of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology of the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, may also be invited.