STATEMENT

As required under the University ordinance 19.8, I state that the present thesis entitled "Rare earth element geochemistry of the sediments, ferromanganese nodules and crusts from the Indian Ocean" is my original contribution. To the best of my knowledge, the present study is the first comprehensive study of its kind from the area mentioned.

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