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Dear Madam/Sir

Re: Prof. Gideon-Cyrus Makau Mutiso Travel on Invitation of Future Water

Prof. G-C. M. Mutiso is the Chair of the Sahelian Solutions Foundation (SASOL), which over the past 16 years has been constructing sand dams in Kitui. To date, more than 500 dams have been constructed and are providing water to Kitui communities for production. SASOL is the global leader in the sand dam technology. Sand dam technology has attracted attention globally for it addresses not only water provision but also climate change issues. Consequently many Dutch institutions have developed links with SASOL over the years to give Dutch and Kenya students, scientists and private sector personnel experience in the technology. Among these are Simavi; Westerveld Foundation; TU Delft; Exchange - The Profit of Learning; Free University of Amsterdam; Heijmans; Acacia Institute; Future Water and an assortment of Rotary Clubs. We have also co-operated with the University of Nairobi as well as the University of Dar es Salaam regionally.

In the past more than 20 Kenyan students and SASOL workers have traveled to Netherlands for training and conferences. More than 200 Dutch students have participated in SASOL projects. Fifty professionals from the private and NGO sectors have participated in SASOL projects.

Currently 27 Dutch students, sponsored by Exchange, are taking part in SASOL development activities in Kitui District. Negotiations are afoot with Heijmans to start a major training school for Kitui development. Acacia Institute is planning the upscaling of the SASOL sand Dam Technology in Ethiopia. Future Water is assisting SASOL to refine water provision planning. It is doing the same with partners from Iran.

Prof. Mutiso is required in the conference for the partners will need to discuss comparative methodologies for better planning of the water resources. His forte is community contributions to this effort.

This letter is submitted under Muticon Ltd. letterhead, his employer as well as under SASOL letterhead for; it is on the basis of his role, as its Chair, although it does not pay him since he volunteers his time, that he is invited to make a contribution.

Sincerely yours

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