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Alan Brewer, MSc  
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Dear Alan,

**RE: Riara University Renewable Energy Center**

Further to the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Kenya Light Project Limited and Riara University, the university is keen on moving our partnership forward to achieve some of the areas identified for partnership between ourselves. Specifically, the University is committed to actualizing the *Riara University Renewable Energy Center* which we had discussed with you.

As you are aware, Kenya (and indeed the continent of Africa in general), is experiencing major energy deficits to power the projected economic growth in coming years. As an example, Kenya's installed capacity currently stands at approximately 2,500MW against a requirement of 5,000MW. To bridge this gap, the Country is focusing on renewable energy sources which are abundantly available locally, especially Solar and Wind energies. These sources remain heavily untapped. It is against this backdrop that Riara University has made a decision to build competencies (knowledge, skills and attitudes) required to help the Country actualize her goals of quality, affordable energy for all. The establishment of the Center will act as a catalyst not only to the Country's development agenda but also for the private sector and entrepreneurs looking to tap into the immense opportunities presented by Renewable Energy in Kenya, the Region and Africa.

To help us actualize the *Riara University Renewable Energy Center*, we are seeking your assistance in the following areas, among others;

1. Mobilisation of resources to set up the Center (funds, talent, equipment)
2. Linkage to potential academic partners (teaching, research, innovation, incubation)
3. Linkage to potential technological partners (technology transfer, Demo labs, equipment, entrepreneurship)
4. Structuring of the Centre (programmes, courses, people, operational structures)
5. Any other appropriate assistance.

We look forward to a continued strong partnership.

Yours faithfully,



**Prof. Robert Gateru, PhD**  
Vice Chancellor