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Dear Esteemed Partner

**RE: INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE AND EXHIBIT IN THE 1<sup>ST</sup> KENYA COMMERCIAL FORESTRY INVESTMENT CONFERENCE AND EXPO 23<sup>RD</sup> – 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021 AT KEFRI HEADQUARTERS, MUGUGA**

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the upcoming *1<sup>st</sup> Kenya Commercial Forestry Investment Conference and Expo from 23<sup>rd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> November 2021*. The Conference and Expo will provide an opportunity for stakeholders in the commercial forestry sector in Kenya and the region, to showcase and exhibit commercial forestry technologies and opportunities that investors can tap into. The forum will bring together professionals, researchers, wood processors, investors, and other key players in the sector to take stock of the status of the industry, challenges, and opportunities available. It will also provide a platform that will act as a springboard for future development and financing of commercial forestry in the country and region. The conference and expo theme is “*Commercial Forestry Investment for Wealth Creation, Enhancing Manufacturing, Food security, Health and Attainment of 10% Tree Cover in Kenya*”.

The Conference and Expo is being organized by a multi-institutional team from both private and public sectors including the Ministry of Environment and Forestry (MoEF), Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI), Kenya Forest Service (KFS), National Research Fund (NRF), Council of Governors (COG), Food and Agriculture Organization of United Nations (FAO), United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Base Titanium Ltd, Kenya Climate Innovation Centre (KCIC), GATSBY Africa, We-Effect-Global, Family Bank, Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB), Cooperative Bank, Ukulima

Sacco, Asili Sacco, Better Globe Ltd, Komaza Ltd, Kakuzi Ltd, One Acre Fund and Forest Society of Kenya (FSK).

This letter thus invites you to:

1. Attend the Conference and Expo
2. Participate in the Conference and Expo as an exhibitor.

Full details on registration for the conference and expo (Participation and exhibition) can be accessed through <https://www.kefri.org/components/conference/conference.html>.

The cost of registration is KES 4,000 for local students, KES 9,000 for other local participants and USD 150 for foreign participants. The fees will cover cost of refreshments, meals, and conference materials. ***For exhibition, the cost is KES 40,000. This exhibition package includes Exhibition Space of 4m by 3m, one table, two chairs and a power outlet.*** In addition, teas, and lunch for two exhibitors will be provided. Further enquiries can be found through: [commercialconference2020@kefri.org](mailto:commercialconference2020@kefri.org) and phone number 0114915718.

The Conference and Expo will comply in full with all COVID-19 containment rules and regulations that are issued by national and local governments regarding quarantine, public health, and/or the holding of public events and gatherings as regards. Floor plans designs are ensuring full observance of social distancing and include strategic hand wash, sanitization, and protection measures.

We look forward to your full participation.

Yours faithfully



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