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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am writing on behalf of the Igembe Bee Farmers' Cooperative Society Ltd to recommend Igati Creative and Innovators NGO for any potential partnerships, support, or project funding opportunities.

Our cooperative is a direct outcome of Igati Creative and Innovators NGO's community outreach program in beekeeping. Their initiative inspired us to explore modern beekeeping practices, leading to the formation of our society. Through their guidance, we have acquired skills in constructing locally innovated Langstroth beehives, colony management, hive inspections, harvesting, and product aggregation. Their support has been instrumental in advancing our beekeeping endeavors, contributing to the sustainability and prosperity of our community.

Igati Creative and Innovators NGO has emerged as a leading community empowerment organization, effectively fostering social and economic transformation through innovative agribusiness models. Their commitment to social entrepreneurship has not only benefited our cooperative but has also positively impacted the broader community.

In light of their significant contributions and unwavering support, we confidently endorse ligati Creative and Innovators NGO for any assistance that will further their mission of community empowerment and development.

Yours faithfully,

Kenneth Mutuma

Chairman

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I am writing on behalf of Meru University of Science and Technology to recommend lgati Creative and Innovators NGO for any potential partnerships, support, or project funding opportunities.

As a leading institution committed to research, innovation, and community engagement, Meru University has been keen on fostering sustainable agricultural practices, including apiculture, to support local communities and promote environmental conservation. As a community engagement program, we have collaborated with Igati Creative and Innovators NGO and together have signed a long lasting memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

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