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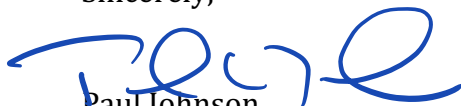
Dear Mr. Kasimov,

On behalf of the Colorado School of Mines (Mines), I would like to thank you and the team at Vatandosh Connect for the essential role you played in bringing together Mines and Sanoat Energetika Guruhi LLC (SEG) to establish the Samarkand International University of Technology (SIUT). Without your presence and effort, Mines would not have developed a relationship with SEG.

SIUT will be the first American model engineering university in Uzbekistan. After an initial master planning phase, we expect to sign a further contract for a nine-year period of development, eventually offering comprehensive engineering and business undergraduate, graduate and post graduate programs as well as professional development certificate courses.

You have played an indispensable role in creating the opportunity for Mines and SEG to work together. Thank you for your skill and imagination in envisioning the possibility of American model international technology university and for creating the opportunity for Mines to lead the development of a new engineering university in Uzbekistan.

Sincerely,



Paul Johnson
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