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To whom it may concern:

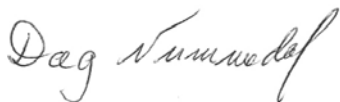
The Colorado School of Mines is very interested in exploring a long-range education and research partnership with the appropriate institution(s) in India for the mutual enhancement of educational opportunities for students and faculty from India as well as the U.S.

CSM has a very strong focus on earth, energy and environmental research. In light of the global energy transformation towards sustainable energy generation and distribution systems, we are very interested in partnering with Indian institutions with a related focus. The collaboration could take many forms, from joint research projects and student and faculty exchanges to potentially co-locating a CSM institute of higher learning jointly with a host institution in India.

We are particularly interested in the work of invVEST in promoting such joint initiatives. Future collaboration with invVEST could be mutually beneficial regarding the development of sustainable energy systems, especially as such systems might be developed in rural areas.

Professor Nigel Middleton (Vice-President for Strategic Enterprises) and I (Director of the Colorado Energy Research Institute) would be pleased to open a dialog – including potential visits – to accelerate such a collaboration.

Sincerely,



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