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Grilly Jack
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Dear Director Jack,

It is my pleasure to write to you early this year to invigorate the partnership we have in implementing the obligation of the Montreal Protocol. I have been enjoying the collaborative efforts over the past years as we slowly transitioned into the newly marketed alternative technology on refrigeration and air conditioning. As we both witnessed the penetration of zero ODP and low GWP technology currently surfaced in the FSM, we must also take into consideration our obligation to beef up the skill level of our RAC technicians.

While the new alternatives are moving into the flammable and toxic refrigerants, it is imperative that we prepare our technicians to adapt to these changes. This adaptation also calls for changes in the college curriculum to align the students to be practically exposed to these changing technologies. We must be proactive in this area due to the fact that these equipments are already available in the FSM and our technicians must be well trained and certified to services these types of flammable refrigerants. The training and certification is highly important to protect the technician, the institution and the government from any liabilities that may occur when servicing these alternative technologies.

With this, I am requesting the College of Micronesia-Pohnpei Campus to develop a training and certification program as agreed on the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Office of Environment and Emergency Management and the College of Micronesia-FSM in May 2014. Once the certification program is in place, we could then schedule to administer the certification in each state to run back-to-back with the refreshing RAC trainings scheduled for 2015. Please refer to the attached MOU.

Should you need further information on this request, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to continuing our partnership in this undertaking.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Lukan", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

James Lukan
Acting Director