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Mr. Juan Carlos De La Hoz Viñas
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Dear Sir,

BA-T1059 – Walkers Reserve Integrated Master Plan and Restoration Pilot
Technical Cooperation

Reference is made to your letter CCB/CBA/341/2019 dated April 15, 2019 regarding the captioned subject.

The Government of Barbados has no objection to the Walkers Reserve Integrated Master Plan and Restoration Pilot project for which the IDB is proposing to provide Technical Cooperation in an amount of US\$650,000.00 to the Walkers Institute for Regenerative Research Education and Design.

The development of an integrated master plan for the Walkers Reserve and the implementation of a pilot project for the restoration and regeneration of this site within Barbados' National Park System will be of significant benefit to the natural heritage of the country.

The project provides a unique opportunity to identify and define a comprehensive approach to the restoration, conservation and diversification of natural capital which could be replicated in the future. This intervention is supported given the potential value to the local environment and the economic benefits to be derived.

We look forward to your continued cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Sir,

RE: WIRRED Letter of Request

Walkers Institute for Regeneration Research Education and Design (WIRRED)¹, is pleased to be working with the Interamerican Development Bank (IDB) through the technical cooperation (TC) BA-T1059: Walkers Reserve Integrated Master Plan and Restoration Pilot.

We see this TC as the next critical step to scaling the climate resilient work accomplished in the last 6 years at Walkers Reserve. This TC will provide the foundation for the development of climate smart eco-tourism and hospitality products, renewable energy solutions, a research and education institute, permaculture organic agriculture production, and a sustainable cottage industry. The TC will also facilitate a pilot to efficiently manage the water resources on site in order to build a resilient water management program and develop and rollout a global communications strategy with a special focus on promoting Walkers Reserve as a Regional HUB for landscape restoration.

WIRRED appreciates that the Bank has a wealth of experience and technical capacity and therefore we are making a formal request that the IDB take the lead in executing TC BA-T1059: Walkers Reserve Integrated Master Plan and Restoration Pilot on our behalf.

We look forward to this project being stewarded by the Bank's expertise and to the successful rollout of this technical cooperation.

Sincerely

Kiesha Farnum
Managing Director, WIRRED
 On behalf of Ian McNeel, Director-Founder, WIRRED

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Dear Sir,

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Walkers Institute for Regeneration Research Education and Design (WIRRED)¹, is a climate smart non-profit agency tasked with the documenting, continuing, scaling and sharing of the climate innovative work initiated and currently being implemented at Walkers Reserve.

Walkers Reserve is located inside the largest silica sand mine on the 430 km² (166.0 sq. mi) Small Island Developing State (SIDS) of Barbados. The 227-acre property runs along the Atlantic Coastline of the St. Andrews Parish and is at the epi-center of the Barbados National Park. Island Developments Ltd. (IDL), the owner/operator of Walkers Sand Quarry has been providing the island with this essential construction aggregate for the last 50 years.

Over a period of 6 years, through the work of the now formalized WIRRED and the corporate social responsibility (CSR) of the private mining entity, Walkers Reserve has been transitioning from active sand quarry to thriving food forest. The regeneration project has focused on returning actively mined areas to ecological health, as quarried areas come to exhaustion. Since 2011, IDL has been working with a consortium of local, regional and international consultants developing a regeneration strategy aimed at transforming the entire 277-acre site from Walkers Sand Quarry to Walkers Reserve.

WIRRED has been working to formalize its organizational structure and initiatives, while solidifying its partnerships. As an organization, WIRRED is committed to ecological research, educating future generations in environmental stewardship, fostering partnerships and connecting/ reconnecting communities with their land and seascapes. Based on the vast amount of research and experience garnered in the last 6 years of regeneration, WIRRED has chosen to focus on the following core areas: climate adaptation & resilience, renewable energy supply & distribution, regenerative agriculture & food security, land regeneration, water quality & access, oceans, soils & freshwater systems, marine & terrestrial biodiversity, local & international eco-agritourism, community development & livelihood generation, human health & well-being and youth & technological innovation.

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As part of our mission, the technical expertise of the WIRRED team and the experience and learnings of the regenerative process have created the perfect foundation for WIRRED to offer consulting services in the following areas: slope stabilization, erosion control and soil science, green engineering, geographic information systems; sustainable eco & agro-tourism; habitat restoration and biodiversity conservation; environmental monitoring & management; carbon farming through permaculture & regenerative agriculture design and implementation.

As WIRRED's Walkers Reserve project grows we have developed: a model for regeneration for extractive industries; a hub for climate smart innovation, research and conservation; an education centre for environmental stewardship and conservation; a scalable permaculture agriculture model and a viable tourism and hospitality business product, all whilst generating livelihood opportunities for the nearby at-risk, rural community of Belleplaine in St. Andrews.

As an organization WIRRED believes that successful regenerative development requires partnerships between all stakeholders; government, the private sector, the development/donor community, civil society and the community. Partnerships based on shared values and goals that place the planet and people at the centre are critical to development at the local, national and regional levels. Thus, as we scale operations, we are seeking to partner with organizations such as the Interamerican Development Bank (IDB). IDB's focus on innovative solutions to the challenges of climate change and implementing renewable energy initiatives is in tandem with our core mandate.

As such, we seek through this letter of request to open the door for discussions on ways in which WIRRED and the IDB could work together to scale the work accomplished in the last 6 years in the form of a technical assistance grant from the IDB. The mining entity is approaching exhaustion of the resource, with appropriately 2 to 3 years of the aggregate left before mining operations are completed. In an effort to ensure that the Walkers Reserve model is sustainable we would like to focus the requested technical assistance grant on the development of climate smart eco-tourism and hospitality products, renewable energy solutions, a research and education institute, permaculture organic agriculture production, and a sustainable cottage industry.

We look forward to embarking on these discussions and creating a mutually beneficial partnership.

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