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The Executive Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer,
National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure (NASENI),
Mr. Khalil Suleiman Halilu,
Idu Industrial Area,
Abuja.

ATTENTION: Head, NASENI Research Commercialization Grant Programme (NRCGP)

FORMAL ENDORSEMENT AND RECOMMENDATION FOR THE FEDERAL COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE TECHNOLOGY, KANO, UNDER THE NASENI RESEARCH COMMERCIALIZATION GRANT PROGRAMME (NRCGP)

Dear Sir,

I write to endorse and recommend the Federal College of Agricultural Produce Technology (FCAPT), Kano, for the prestigious NASENI Research Commercialization Grant Programme (NRCGP).

Our institution stands as a pivotal center for innovation in post-harvest technology, food processing, storage, and agricultural value-chain development in Nigeria. We recognize the transformative vision you are championing at NASENI, and we see a powerful alignment between our mission and the NRCGP's objective of translating research into tangible industrial and economic outcomes.

FCAPT Kano is uniquely positioned to contribute to and benefit from the NRCGP due to our core strengths:

- 1. Specialized Research Focus:** Our research is strategically targeted at reducing post-harvest losses, enhancing food safety, adding value to raw agricultural commodities, and developing sustainable packaging and storage solutions. These areas are critical for national food security and industrialization, directly supporting NASENI's mandate.
- 2. Pipeline of Commercializable Innovations:** Our dedicated research teams have made significant progress in several areas with high commercialization potential, including not limited to :
 - Grape production and its value chain
 - Development of low-cost, efficient grain dryers and storage systems.
 - Agricultural waste management through briquette and biogas production.

MISSION STATEMENT

To train middle level manpower in Agricultural Produce Technology using Dynamic Training Curriculum,
Modern Instructional Facilities based on best in - Class Practices

3. **Infrastructure and Technical Capacity:** We possess relevant laboratories, pilot plants, and a workshop, alongside a cadre of experienced scientists, engineers, and technologists committed to applied research and development.
4. **Institutional Commitment:** As the Acting Provost, I hereby affirm the full commitment of the College's management to provide all necessary institutional support, including project oversight, accountability, and the provision of complementary resources to ensure the successful execution and commercialization of any NRCGP-funded project.

Granting FCAPT Kano the opportunity under the NRCGP will not only catalyze the maturation of our key technologies but will also empower us to contribute meaningfully to job creation, SME development in the agri-business sector, and the overall economic diversification goals of the nation.

We are confident that a partnership with NASENI through the NRCGP will yield measurable impact and serve as a model for academia-industry synergy.

We respectfully and earnestly seek your favourable consideration of our institution for this grant programme.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to fostering innovation in Nigeria.

Respectfully submitted.



Dr. Salisu Salisu

Ag. Provost/CEO