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**Date:** 15th September, 2025  
**To:** Coordinator, NASENI Research Commercialization Grant Scheme  
**Ref.:** PEDI/AD/PP/11/1/11B  
**Subject:** Request for Waiver of Published Paper Requirement

I am writing in connection with the application for the NASENI grant on the project titled *“Development and Commercialization of Smart Solar-Powered Cold Storage Units in Nigeria.”*. I understand that the submission of published papers is one of the stated requirements for applicants. However, I respectfully wish to request a waiver of this requirement and appeal for your consideration.

2. At present, I do not have a published paper to submit with this application. Nonetheless, I have prepared a comprehensive feasibility study which demonstrates the originality, practicality, and strong commercialization potential of the project. The proposed solution directly addresses the challenge of post-harvest losses - estimated at up to 40% of perishable produce annually - by providing a sustainable, solar-powered cold storage system tailored for Nigeria’s agricultural sector.

3. In addition, I am currently preparing a comprehensive review paper as well as developing a technical paper intended for publication. These paper will highlight the innovation, market relevance, and socioeconomic impact of this project. As well as, review its production concept, analyze existing product versions in the market, highlight knowledge gap, and present the improved features incorporated into the design.

4. While the absence of a published paper may seem like a limitation, I believe the strength of the concept, its alignment with national food security priorities, and it's clear pathway to commercialization provide compelling justification for consideration.

5. I therefore respectfully request a waiver of the published paper requirement for this application, as granting it will not only encourage innovation but also support a project that has significant potential for societal and economic impact.

6. I sincerely appreciate your kind attention to this request and look forward to your favorable consideration.



Yours faithfully,  
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