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Date:.....

The Executive Vice Chairman/CEO,
National Agency for Science and Engineering
Infrastructure (NASENI),
Idu Industrial Area,
Abuja.

Dear Sir,

ENDORSEMENT LETTER FOR NILEST-TAN RESEARCH AND COMMERCIALIZATION PROJECT

I am writing to express my strong endorsement for research commercialization proposal submitted to your agency by Dr. Habila Bitrus on the "Production and Commercialization of NILEST-Tan". The project is aimed at developing an eco-friendly vegetable tanning agent with commercial viability for cottage tanning industries in Nigeria. This is significant as it tends to cut down importation of tanning agents such as Chestnut, Tara and Mimosa, so as to promote the GDP of our great nation.

I strongly support this project due to its potential impact in the field of leather technology owing to the fact that the research has been published in a reputable journal and also obtained patent with a patent number: NG/PT/NC/0/2025/17503. The research team have excellent skills and experience in synthesis, tanning mechanism and formulations.

Sequel to the experience and the expertise of the members of the research team and the potential impact of the research output on Nigeria economy, I therefore, highly recommend funding for this impactful research project on commercialization.

Sincerely,

Dr. S.Y. Mohammed

Director, Research and Development

