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To  
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**Subject: Invitation to visit the Centre of Excellence on Technologies for Low-Carbon & Lean Construction (TLC2) at IIT Madras, Chennai, India**

Dear Mr. Menard Bonphace Kilumile,

Greetings from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras!

I, Prof. Manu Santhanam, on behalf of Centre of Excellence on ***“Technologies for Low-Carbon and Lean Construction (TLC2)”*** would like to invite you to visit the Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai, India to foster the collaboration we have with University of Cape Town, South Africa, where you are completing your doctoral thesis, as well as Tanzania, where IIT Madras has set up its first overseas campus in Zanzibar.

In 2021, a Centre of Excellence on ***“Technologies for Low-Carbon and Lean Construction (TLC2)”*** was established at IIT Madras with the focus on developing technologies to reduce the construction material and construction process wastes and improve the circular economy for construction industry. We wish to develop closer interactions with leading research groups working in TLC2 areas worldwide. Considering your area of research connecting well with our TLC2 theme areas, we invite you to IIT Madras to interact with our research scholars and faculty members. It would be ideal to have your visit timed between Jan 02 and Feb 02, 2025, when we have planned to arrange laboratory visits and presentations from our research students and collaborators. We would be happy to sponsor your accommodation in IIT Guest house and all other local expenses.

Please use this letter to avail an **Indian Business Visa** for your visit in January – February 2025. **Dr. Aslam Kunhi Mohamed** in the Department of Civil Engineering will be your host faculty at IIT Madras. He can be contacted at [akm@civil.iitm.ac.in](mailto:akm@civil.iitm.ac.in) or +91 86067 77880. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any clarification.

Looking forward to seeing you in Chennai.

Yours Sincerely,

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