Subject: Your new NSERC Engage Grant partnership

Dear Mr./Mrs.:

Congratulations on your NSERC Engage Grant partnership, and please accept my best wishes for success in your new collaboration.

In order to maximize the success of this collaboration, NSERC encourages you both to remain in close communication for the duration of the project. Also, please contact our office if changes are required to the original project and funds are to be reallocated.

This is a good time to start exploring options that can help you to continue working together after your project is completed. As an Engage Grant participant, you can continue your collaboration through the new Engage Plus Grant, that lets a researcher and company continue a project for an additional six months. In order to expand your current project, NSERC's Collaborative Research and Development (CRD) Grant may also be an appropriate choice. CRD Grant applications can be submitted at any time, are peer reviewed and have a success rate of approximately 85%. The funding decisions are usually made within three to five months. To assist you in this process, please contact NSERC at 613-996-6346 or EG2CRD@nserc-crsng.gc.ca.

We will be asking both of you for an Engage Grant final report. For NSERC, these final reports are essential, since they provide us with valuable feedback on the outcome of the research and the effectiveness of the Engage Grant in facilitating university-industry partnerships. In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact <u>François Santerre</u>, Research and Innovation Development Officer for the NSERC Québec Regional Office, at 514-496-4741.

Sincerely,

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