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Dear Paul and Ziyun Peng,

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We would like to formally thank you for your significant support and input into the Rare Earth project at Bridge 8 Phase II in Shanghai in September.

As you are aware the Rare Earth project faced real logistical challenges related to the temporary import of our equipment into China. This shaped the outcomes of the project in ways we did not expect or plan.

None-the-less, we feel that is important to acknowledge the very tangible positive outcomes and achievements of the project. The learning outcomes and the feedback we have received from the students involved with Rare Earth has been overwhelmingly positive and this is in part due to the excellent contribution you made to the making the project rich and relevant to their studies and their overall experience in Shanghai.

Your ongoing contributions to Rare Earth in the form of advice, your interactive tree installation and the field trip to Xin Che Jian supported the studio in meaningful ways and allowed the students to gain an insight into the application of thinking around DIY technologies and co-working communities not accessible without your input. The opportunity for students to witness this application of ideas in a tangible way is very important. It is clear that the experience impacted on work produced in the studio in a positive manner. The COFA and DHU students who visited Xin Che Jian all valued the opportunity to do so highly.

As we are planning to run more Rare Earth projects in China we would like to express our interest in working with you in the future. We are very open to discussion on how we might find ways to work together to further our mutual interests in this area.

Yours sincerely,

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