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WESTERN REGION MEGAPOLIS PLANNING PROJECT

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Mr. Arnold Perera,
Vice President,
European Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka

Dear Mr. Arnold Perera,

COOPERATION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC TRANSPORT WITH ELECTRIC BUSES

Reference discussion had with Mr. MadhawaWaidyaratne at his office with your Team of officers representing European Chamber of Commerce in Sri Lanka. As discussed the Government of Sri Lanka is interested in obtaining 100 Electric Buses from a European Make to be introduced to passenger transport in Colombo and suburbs. We are aware that the countries like Germany, Sweden and France are producing Electric Buses where one bus is able to carry almost 200 passengers with carbon emission is nil. Since the air pollution is relatively high with the emission of carbon dioxide from diesel driven transport vehicles and government is looking measures to introduce electric buses for passenger transport as a remedy to the air pollution problem.

The Ministry of Megapolis is now preparing strategic plans towards a 'Green City' transport system and invite your kind attention to support the government in facilitating the possibilities of obtaining European Investment Bank (EIB) for financing a fleet of 100 Electric Buses from a suitable European producing company of such Electric Buses together with infrastructure affiliated to operating of such buses, including Charging Centres, Driver Training and Maintenance of buses.

Your kind assistance is requested for the following proposals.

- i. To obtain literature on different makes of Electric Buses together with operating system from different countries in Europe;
- ii. Cost of each Electric Bus together with said infrastructure for the operation of bus fleet;
- iii. A Line of Credit through EIB, on EU to Sri Lanka Government, on long term financing of the Sustainable Public Transport System in Megapolis Area, with the purchase of 100 Electric Passenger Buses together with related infrastructure; and
- iv. Continuation of relationship with European manufacturing companies, EIB and other funding agencies together with Megapolis Project.

Your response is greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

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Copy: Mr. Madhawa Waidyaratne, Additional Secretary, (Megapolis)
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