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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Reference: Installation of a Solar Kiosk Pilot Project in Rwanda

The Rwandan Government is currently working on increasing access to modern forms of energy especially for its rural population. So far only 5% of the Rwandan population is connected to the national electricity grid and even though the Government targets to increase this rate to 16% of the population connected by 2012 and 35% by 2020, some areas will remain without access to grid electricity for the next years to come.

The Government is therefore strongly encouraging alternative energy solutions such as Solar Photovoltaic Systems to respond to electricity needs in areas far from the grid. Since the capital investment for a solar home system is rather heavy, a solar battery charging station or solar kiosk with a central electricity production for a community will be on of the sensible options for remote rural areas. This will enable people to charge batteries for a relatively small fee at a time at a central kiosk and take them home to serve lighting and other purposes, while providing an interesting business opportunity for the kiosk manager.

E.quinox is a group of students from Imperial College London who are dedicated to developing solar kiosk stations and install them in Rwanda. In this endeavor they will be cooperating closely with a group of local Rwandan students from the Kigali Institute for Science and Technology (KIST).

The Rwandan Government, through its Ministry of Infrastructure is hereby assuring its full support of this initiative. It will assist and contribute to the extent possible to a successful project implementation.


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