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Hon Yankuba Sonko
Minister of Interior
Bertil Harding Highway

RE: Tender for Aluminum number plates

Dear Mr. Sonko,

I would like to take this opportunity to first congratulate you on your most deserved assignment as the Minister of Interior. May Allah provide you with infinite knowledge you require to be successful in this endeavor for the benefit of our beloved country.

I would also like to introduce our company SAMAR'T Gambia. SAMAR'T Gambia is a subsidiary of SAMAR'T International, the world's largest manufacturer of License plates based in Spain. SAMAR'T was founded in 1942 with manufacturing facilities in more than 12 countries, customers in over 40 countries producing and supplying more than 12 million number plates annually.

Honorable minister in January of 2019, the ministry of interior invited SAMAR'T Gambia to participate in the tender of the Aluminium License plates for the Gambia Police Force. Prior to that, SAMAR'T Gambia has invited and sponsored a mission for a high-level delegation from the Gambia Police Force and the Gambian Embassy Staff in Madrid Spain to visit the SAMAR'T Facilities in Spain. During that visit, SAMAR'T clearly demonstrated its ability to be a reliable provider for Aluminium Licence plates.

SAMAR'T Gambia responded to the tender and met all the requirements as specified in the tender documents.

To our dismay, in February we received a letter from the procuring authority informing SAMAR'T of its decision to reject our offer. We felt our offer was rejected for non-valid reasons and proceeded to raise an objection with the Complaints Review Board (CRB) pursuant to section 55(7) of the Gambia Public Procurement Act 2014.

Upon receiving our complain, the CRB suspended the procurement process until further notice. The CRB did eventually find in SAMAR'T favor and instructed the procuring organization to reverse its decision to disqualify SAMAR'T proposal.

Honorable Minister, I would like to draw to your attention that SAMAR'T presented a financial offer of Dal 32 Million for the tender while the tender was awarded to a company that offered the same service at Dal 65 Million. Our favourable financial offer combined with the fact that SAMAR'T has significantly more experience in the manufacture of licence plates led us to believe that the decision made by the procuring organization was not guided by the free and fair competition.

Honorable Minister, we are hereby respectfully asking for your intervention in this matter at your earliest convenience. In this new dispensation, we believe in the sanctity of having unambiguous procurement rules to ensure the resources of the Gambian people are being spent with the utmost diligence. >

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