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Subject: Vaughan International Commercialization Centre (VICC)

To His Worship the Honourable Maurizio Bevilacqua, PC and Members of Vaughan City Council,

We would like to have this letter serve as our formal support for the VICC initiative. Keiretsu Forum is the most active global angel network on the planet. Members across our 37 chapter network on three continents and ten countries invested \$79 million CAD into 100+ companies in 2014. Keiretsu Forum Central Canada is proud to have syndicated six local companies to other regions of the world, including to the United States, England, France and Turkey. Without this network, these companies may not have had the chance to step outside of Canadian borders.

Our goal at Keiretsu Forum Central Canada is to work in tandem with regional governments, investment firms and angel communities to bring Canadian companies onto the global theater while bringing international deal flow into Canada. To this end, we fully support government and private initiatives that aim to encourage the international flow of deals and investors. We believe that the VICC and the city of Vaughan can leverage the Keiretsu Forum international angel investment platform to build new companies that can compete globally and ultimately help bring new jobs into Canada.

Thank you,

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President, Keiretsu Forum Central Canada