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Mr. Jared Blumenfeld
Director
Department of the Environment
City and County of San Francisco

Dear Jared,

It is with great excitement that I inform you that I will be relocating to San Francisco in May to establish the United Nations Global Compact's San Francisco Office. The UN Global Compact, a direct initiative of the Secretary-General, has grown dramatically since launch in July 2000. It is today the largest corporate citizenship initiative in the world, with nearly 3000 corporate participants and stakeholders from 90 countries. In addition, and following the lead of the City of San Francisco, an increasing number of cities are joining the program, committed to the tenets of sustainable development and the Global Compact's ten principles in the areas of human rights, working conditions, environmental stewardship and anti-corruption.

The Global Compact San Francisco Office will be our first and only station in the U.S. outside UN Headquarters in New York. Of course there is special delight in this given that the United Nations was born in San Francisco.

In our recent conversation you mentioned that your department may be able to provide me with some office space. This is an extremely generous prospect – especially given the UNGC's very meager budget – and I thank you profoundly for the idea. I do understand that at some stage fundraising may be required to recoup expenses, and I would certainly help with such an effort.

Jared, I wish to also make clear – as *quid pro quo* for the initial pro-bono space – that I would be delighted to contribute some of my time to support the efforts and programs of your department, as well as assisting the City with implementation related to its commitment to the Global Compact.

In terms of specifics, I would not need much. A simple office, a computer with internet access,

a telephone, and access to a printer and copier would be about it. (I will bring the UN flag!)

I wish to thank you again for your consideration. It would be wonderful – and indeed appropriate – to be associated with the City of San Francisco, and also to work with you and your team.

I look forward to exploring the possibilities.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gavin Power". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the left of a vertical line.

Gavin Power
Senior Officer
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