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Subject: Letter of Intent to Collaborate on the Project "Nature's Toughest Material: Comparative Study of Bark Spider Major Ampullate Silk"

Dear Matjaž ;

I am writing to express my keen interest and intent to collaborate on the groundbreaking project titled "Nature's Toughest Material: Comparative Study of Bark Spider Major Ampullate Silk." Your work on this innovative and highly impactful study aligns closely with biodiversity studies at CMU.

The objectives of your project resonate with CMU Mission, vision and goals, particularly in advancing our understanding of biological materials and exploring their applications in biomaterials, structural engineering and sustainability, I am confident that our expertise and tropical ecosystem can enhance the progress and success of this initiative.

Specifically, I propose to contribute in the following areas:

1. **As field worker** – I can be your legwork for the permits.
2. **As a fauna researcher** – I can organize fieldworks across vegetation types here in the Philippines.
3. **Our tropical environment best fit for this eandevor**

Through collaboration, I am excited to explore how this project can advance scientific knowledge and lead to practical innovations that benefit both academia and industry. I am eager to participate in discussions and planning to ensure a seamless and productive partnership.

Thank you for considering my proposal to collaborate on this remarkable study. I would be delighted to discuss this opportunity further and explore how we can align our efforts to achieve shared objectives. Please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience at [email/phone].

I look forward to the possibility of contributing to this endeavor.

Sincerely,

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