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To whom it may concern

Subject: Introductory Letter for Ideal Technologies Limited to undertake Baseline Studies on three segments of space, and Study on Socio-economic Benefits of Space in Africa.

The African Union Commission has the honor to inform you that it has contracted Ideal Technologies Limited to undertake three Baseline Studies on space: i) Academia in Earth Observation, ii) Satellite Communication, iii) Astronomy & Space Sciences; and a fourth Study on Socio-economic Benefits of Space in Africa. This is an important exercise in the implementation of the African Outer Space Flagship Programme of the Agenda 2063.

The aforementioned studies will complete a compendium of comprehensive studies in the four domain focus areas of the African Space Strategy (Earth Observation, Satellite Communication, Navigation and positioning, Astronomy and Space Sciences). Further, the Studies will provide in-depth knowledge on the status of the technology in Africa, the gaps and opportunities for a robust African Space Programme. The study outcomes will be made public after compilation and review.

I am therefore pleased to request that you facilitate Ideal Technologies Limited to undertake the exercise. I also want to state that Ideal Technologies is an African entity made up of all African experts who understand the ecosystem. For further information, you may please contact the African Union Commission Space Expert Dr. Tidiane Ouattara OuattaraT@africa-union.org and Mr. Temidayo Oniosun temidayo@spaceinafrica.com who is the manager of the Ideal Technologies.

I thank you.

Yours sincerely

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