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Valued partners,

Good Morning.

The Authority's research journey has been a fruitful one thus far. Since inception, we have managed to put in place research policies and procedures and conducted a baseline skills survey within the construction industry that has seen a total revision of the curriculum for construction workers. We have also mapped out technical training institutions across the country, carried out a baseline survey of plant and equipment, developed a model of funding for SME contractors in conjunction with the World Bank and of course, launched the Annual Construction Research Conference and Exhibition, ACoRCE.

ACoRCE was a brainchild of the National Construction Research Agenda (NaCRA), a document that was developed by industry partners, many of them in this very room, in 2015. The items in the agenda seek to provide solutions to the challenges that plague the construction industry, the 6Ms that Eng. Akech referred to earlier. ACoRCE came about because as an industry we realized there was need for a platform whereby some of the world's greatest research minds could come together and engage in an active discourse that can lead to possible solutions to the various existing research gaps.

This year, it is our aim to commercialize at least two of the papers that will be presented during the conference.

This way, not only are we putting our money where our mouth is, we will prove that good research implemented is the key to development.

I appreciate every partner who took the time to join us today, and I look forward to attaining all these milestones together.

Thank you.