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Dr. Nimir Elbashir
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Dear Dr. Elbashir:

Please accept my sincerest congratulations on earning the Engineering Genesis Award for Multidisciplinary Research from the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station for securing significant financial funding to continue building global research collaboration models between academia and industry.

I greatly appreciate the immense amount of time, energy and expertise you devote to advancing the TEES Gas and Fuels Research Center. Furthermore, thank you for the outstanding leadership you provide as chair of the ORYX GTL Gas-to-Liquid Technology Excellence Program. The fact that you and your team secured almost \$5 million for this project from the Qatar National Research Fund under the National Priority Research Fund-Exceptional Proposal, in collaboration with Total, Northwestern University and Qatar University, is tremendously impressive. I also certainly admire that you are working to properly utilize Qatar's natural gas and CO2 in the production of ultra-clean fuels. Please know that I am truly proud and grateful to have you—an internationally respected expert in gas and fuel research—as a member of our Aggie family.

Again, congratulations. I wish you much continued success in your work at Texas A&M at Qatar and the TEES Gas and Fuel Research Center.

With warm regards,

Michael K. Young

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Dr. César O. Malavé