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Sri.R.Venugopal,
Conference Coordinator, Petrosafe2007 and
Controller of Explosives, PESO

Dear Gentlemen,

Please forgive the long delay in my formal thank you. My trip following the Petrosafe2007 Conference brought me home on the 28th of April. I have been traveling for the CSB ever since.

I wanted to tell you what a wonderful Conference you convened in Cochin on the 23rd of April. I attend many every year and I was impressed with the organization and the details of the event. The overwhelming interest in the papers and the sheer numbers of attendees shows that your professional industrial community and government agents are dedicated to the cause of promoting safety in the oil and gas industries. Organizing such a successful conference takes many hours of dedication by many people but I know that Sri. Venugopal dedicated himself to this conference success for many months. This effort was obvious in its success.

Thank you for all of your many kindnesses and honors given to me while there at the conference and to the work the CSB has been doing in the name of accident prevention. While I will shortly end my work here at the CSB, I hope you will continue to count me as a supporter of the work you are doing.

I will always remember with fondness the great Petrosafe2007 Conference in Cochin and the excellent work being done by PESO. Congratulations on a successful and meaningful event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Carolyn W. Merritt'.

Carolyn W. Merritt, Chairman and CEO
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