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Dear Josh,

**Reference for Fr. Eugene Ngoma, Managing Director of Moto Briquetting Solutions**

I am writing in respect of an application for funding from the Rufford Small Grants Foundation by Fr. Eugene Washington Ngoma. The requested funding, if granted, will enable him conduct a research with a view to curbing deforestation and restoring the eco-system in the Kaning’ina Forest Reserve. This will be achieved through the introduction and promotion of the use of biomass briquettes to Mzuzu City residents.

Fr. Eugene Ngoma is a well-known advocate of nature conservation. Through out his career as a priest and through Radio Tigabane that he established and managed on behalf of the Catholic Diocese of Mzuzu, his messages unmistakably carried the flavor of one who has consistently shown interest in the conservation of nature. The importance of Kaning’ina Forest Reserve is that it is the water catchment area for the whole City of Mzuzu that has a fast-growing population of more than 300,000. It is little surprise that Fr Ngoma is at the centre of the establishment of Moto Briquetting Solutions. Therefore, the research study that is being proposed will go towards realizing the goal and anchor the objectives set for Moto Briquetting Solutions.

Fr Ngoma is well known to my family,not only as a priest but also as someone who puts his energies to the tasks that he sets for himself. I would strongly recommend that the Rufford Small Grants Foundation considers favourably his application for a funding grant.

Yours sincerely

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