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Dear Managing Director

I am writing to request your assistance with an important research project **' Improving adoption of non-demolition sustainable transformation practices in existing buildings: Nelson Mandela Bay Metropole'**, being conducted by myself, Lungelo Dube, a BSc (Honours) (Construction Management) student at Nelson Mandela University.

You were selected to be part of this project because your meet the inclusion criteria set for the study. Specifically, you are a representative of a general contractor with the knowledge and experience of working with conventional buildings and sustainably transformed buildings. Your insights are vital, and by sharing your expertise you will contribute to developing practical recommendations that can support the transition toward more sustainable building practices in the metropole. I can imagine this is a busy time of the year for you, but I hope you will take some time to participate in our very brief survey, the questionnaire will require only 12-15 minutes to complete. The REC-H approval number for the study is 2312.

There is no risk involved with participating in this survey, and your answers will be completely confidential. Moreover, the results of the survey will be reported in a summary format, so that no one will be able to associate you with your responses on the survey. Participation in the survey is strictly voluntary, and you may refuse to participate or discontinue participation at any time you please. If you do decide to participate in the research, please endeavour to complete the questionnaire by 9 January 2026.

To complete the survey online, please access the URL below: https://s219264694.questionpro.com/t/AcbBQZ69nS.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this important research. Any queries, concerns, or complaints, with regard to your rights as a research participant can be directed to the researcher s219264694@mandela.ac.za, supervisor John.Smallwood@mandela.ac.za, and NMU Research Ethics Committee (Human) by email at rd@mandela.ac.za. Concerns or queries that have not been satisfactorily addressed can be directed to the National Research Ethics Committee (NHREC) via email at nhrec@health.gov.za.

Yours sincerely,

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