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Dear Michael *Mike*

With your support, we are actively pursuing a proposal for a one-time grant from the Government of BC for research that will benefit BC's 600,000 arthritis patients. We know that arthritis is a major obstacle in achieving key goals for the Government of BC's future: healthy families, healthy communities and a healthy workforce.

As you know, the personal and economic burden of arthritis is increasing rapidly. One in ten doctor's visits is related to arthritis and it has become the leading cause of long-term disability. Health care costs and the numbers of employees disabled by arthritis will continue to rise unless a determined effort is made now to prevent and control its impact. Women in particular are affected, representing two-thirds of arthritis patients.

The Arthritis Research Centre of Canada (ARC), headquartered in Richmond, BC, is the only national clinical arthritis research centre. ARC has become a leader in BC's knowledge-based economy. Our 27,000 donors within the province of BC include individuals, corporations, universities and research institutes. The BC Government's investment in ARC will yield dividends for patients, the health care system and the BC economy.

Enclosed is our proposal for you. Thank you for considering our request to support the advancement of arthritis research in BC.

Sincerely,

Solm Hansen
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Board Member



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Dear Minister de Jong,

Proposal for a BC Government Grant for a Partner to help reduce the cost of Arthritis and change the lives of Arthritis Patients

The Arthritis Research Centre of Canada (ARC) is seeking a one-time BC Government grant of \$3 million to accelerate research into arthritis, a group of chronic diseases that affects 600,000 British Columbians. The grant will enable ARC to make advances to prevent work disability, improve pain management, address the special needs of women and men with arthritis and reduce health care costs. Acclaimed for its ground breaking research, the Arthritis Research Centre of Canada is recognized as a global leader in efforts to conquer arthritis.

The chronic pain of arthritis affects more British Columbians than cancer, heart disease, diabetes or chronic lung disease. People disabled by arthritis have difficulty remaining in the work force, staying physically active and managing everyday tasks. Arthritis has also become the most costly disease, with drug costs increasing more rapidly than for any other disease group.

In BC, the public health costs of arthritis are \$1.6 billion per year. An additional \$2.7 billion annually is attributed to lost work productivity, incurred primarily by people aged 36-60. Two-thirds of those living with arthritis pain and disability are women.

The Arthritis Research Centre of Canada is making rapid advances in preventing and treating arthritis. From its beginnings in 2000 with a single scientist, one student and one part-time assistant, ARC has grown to a team of 60 investigators and staff funded by research grants from around the world. Our small administrative team of five ensures overhead costs are kept to a minimum. ARC's international partners include Harvard Medical School, Duke University, Boston University, and the University of California, as well as scientists in Scandinavia, England, France, Holland, Australia, and China.

ARC is finding answers and saving lives. In its first decade, ARC researchers:

- Discovered the cause and prevented the marked increase in heart attacks in patients with rheumatoid arthritis and lupus.
- Demonstrated that pharmacists can diagnose osteoarthritis of the knee a decade early and save health care costs.

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- Developed the first program to reduce workplace disability for people with inflammatory arthritis.
- Conducted the first study into the impact of arthritis on women with children.
- Provided feedback and co-leadership on the concept and content development of the world's most downloaded smartphone apps for arthritis patients and health care professionals with our partner, Arthritis Consumer Experts (ACE).
- Launched culturally-sensitive self-management programs in partnership with First Nations communities, where arthritis is more widespread and severe than in the general population.

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Strong partnerships have been central to ARC's success. Visionary donors Maureen and Milan Ilich have invested in our work, with a recent gift of \$4 million along with rent-free office space to sustain ARC's operations. ARC's goal is to use this donation to leverage funds to advance research results to the next level.

A BC Government grant of \$3 million will enable ARC to achieve its research targets in reducing work disability, improving pain management, minimizing health care costs, and meeting the special needs of men and women with arthritis.

Our goal is to ensure that people living with arthritis benefit first from leading edge research underway right now, right here in BC.

It's time for arthritis action. We invite the BC Government to join ARC in making BC the best place for people living with arthritis. We look forward to creating a customized recognition plan to acknowledge your commitment and will be pleased to feature the partnership in our communications with our 27,000 donors across British Columbia.

On behalf of the individuals, families, employers and communities affected by arthritis, thank you for considering our request to support the advancement of arthritis research in BC.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Cole, Elizabeth FIN:EX

From: Colin Hansen <chansen@advantagebc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2014 4:51 PM
To: Cole, Elizabeth FIN:EX
Subject: RMB document

Beth,

I did read this paper s22 on Aug 4th and, I must say, it is excellent.

I was re-reading it again today and, although I have been reading everything I can get my hands on, this is probably the best document I have seen.

I would love to see it used as a background piece for the dialogue that we will be encouraging within the business community. Is there a chance that it could become a public document?

- Colin

From: Colin Hansen
Sent: August-01-14 9:24 AM
To: 'Cole, Elizabeth FIN:EX'
Subject: RE: RMB

Thanks Beth.
I have added it to my weekend reading.

Cheers,
- Colin

From: Cole, Elizabeth FIN:EX [<mailto:Elizabeth.Cole@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: July-31-14 11:22 PM
To: Colin Hansen
Subject: RMB

Hi Colin,

Peter asked me to send this to you. It's the internal information paper about offshore RMB centres mentioned in the meeting backgrounder.

A couple of cautions. This is not an academic quality research paper – e.g., everything is not referenced and attributed to the source. It was intended solely for internal (Ministry of Finance) information purposes to help build a basic foundation of knowledge, not for any public release or distribution. It was done about a month ago and reflects the most up-to-date knowledge we had at that time.

A significant amount of the information comes from a contractor we engaged, and much of the rest was compiled / pulled from various public sources fairly directly. It also reflects some of the information gathered during meetings with various banks.

If you have any questions about the information, I'm around most of the day tomorrow and would be happy to answer them. My number is 250 387 9011.

Please treat as confidential and don't further distribute.

Thanks,
Beth

Cole, Elizabeth FIN:EX

From: Colin Hansen <chansen@advantagebc.ca>
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2014 4:42 PM
To: Cole, Elizabeth FIN:EX
Subject: RE: RMB Centre Info

Thanks, Beth.

From: Cole, Elizabeth FIN:EX [<mailto:Elizabeth.Cole@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: September-19-14 3:15 PM
To: Colin Hansen
Subject: RE: RMB Centre Info

Here's a pdf version as well in case you would like in that format.

Was a good meeting and interesting to hear everyone's perspectives.

Thx.

From: Cole, Elizabeth FIN:EX
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2014 1:26 PM
To: Colin Hansen (chansen@advantagebc.ca)
Cc: Menzies, Brian FIN:EX; Hopkins, Jim FIN:EX
Subject: RMB Centre Info
Importance: High

Hi Colin,

Here is the paper to share with the working group. Please let them know that is not further distribution, etc.

In terms of characterizing what it is, it's really a compilation of information from a variety of sources that was intended solely for internal background information purposes (so not all information – including information obtained directly from various publicly available documents – is sourced). In addition, some details may have changed since the information was compiled, although I think it's still quite current.

Thanks,
Beth

Chand, Rita FIN:EX

From: Janet Ecker <jecker@tfsa.ca>
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2014 2:30 AM
To: Colin Hansen; Hopkins, Jim FIN:EX
Subject: Re: BC /Ont RMB Hub Meeting

Okay. Thks

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

Original Message
From: Colin Hansen
Sent: Sunday, September 21, 2014 20:36
To: Hopkins, Jim FIN:EX; Janet Ecker
Subject: Re: BC /Ont RMB Hub Meeting

I think I can make it work.

- Colin

Original Message
From: Hopkins, Jim FIN:EX
Sent: Sunday, September 21, 2014 2:51 PM
To: Janet Ecker; Colin Hansen
Subject: Re: BC /Ont RMB Hub Meeting

that is fine and good idea...Colin , are you free for 30 minutes at 1 pm tomorrow?

Cheers Jim

Original Message
From: Janet Ecker
Sent: Sunday, September 21, 2014 2:07 PM
To: Hopkins, Jim FIN:EX; Colin Hansen
Subject: Re: BC /Ont RMB Hub Meeting

Jim, I understand that is the case. Why don't we proceed with the call, if it is okay with you, to talk about our ongoing work in each jurisdiction and our respective next steps. Technically, the joint BC-Ont partnership is between AdvantageBC and TFSA, so we need to ensure that we continue our joint work, and the Ministers can join as they are able to. Let me know what you and Colin think.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

Original Message
From: Hopkins, Jim FIN:EX
Sent: Sunday, September 21, 2014 16:51
To: Janet Ecker; Colin Hansen
Subject: BC /Ont RMB Hub Meeting

Do you still want to do a call tomorrow as scheduled at 1 :00 pm Pacific..?

Cheers Jim

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Original Message

From: Hopkins, Jim FIN:EX <Jim.Hopkins@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Sunday, September 21, 2014 2:51 PM
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From: Colin Hansen <chansen@advantagebc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2014 12:47 PM
To: Hopkins, Jim FIN:EX
Subject: Re: Joint BC/Ontario Letter to Minister Oliver on a RMB Hub for Canada and the America's

The Sun has told us it will run on Sat.

From: Hopkins, Jim FIN:EX
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2014 12:35 PM
To: Colin Hansen
Subject: RE: Joint BC/Ontario Letter to Minister Oliver on a RMB Hub for Canada and the America's

Thanks ...are you on the OpEd page yet?

Jim

From: Colin Hansen [mailto:chansen@advantagebc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2014 12:32 PM
To: Hopkins, Jim FIN:EX
Subject: Re: Joint BC/Ontario Letter to Minister Oliver on a RMB Hub for Canada and the America's

Jim

I think it covers it.

- Colin

From: Hopkins, Jim FIN:EX
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2014 12:28 PM
To: Colin Hansen
Subject: RE: Joint BC/Ontario Letter to Minister Oliver on a RMB Hub for Canada and the America's

Hearing from you by end of day wld be much appreciated

Cheers Jim

From: Hopkins, Jim FIN:EX
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 9:40 PM
To: 'Colin Hansen (chansen@advantagebc.ca)'
Cc: Hopkins, Jim FIN:EX
Subject: Joint BC/Ontario Letter to Minister Oliver on a RMB Hub for Canada and the America's

Colin...your comments on this draft letter will be welcome...thanks

Jim

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MacLean, Shelley FIN:EX

From: Colin Hansen <chansen@advantagebc.ca>
Sent: Friday, September 5, 2014 5:11 PM
To: KEVIN WU; Minister, FIN FIN:EX
Cc: Minister, MIT MIT:EX
Subject: RE: A reply letter to Hon.Michael de Jong from Bank of China (Canada)

Dear Mr. Wu,

Thank you for copying me on your letter of September 4, 2014 to the Hon. Michael de Jong.

I am replying in my capacity as Chair of the Working Group on International Financial Services for BC to say that we look forward to having Albert Shum as a member of the working group in the place of Mr. Wang Lijun.

I will email more information to Mr. Shum.

Sincerely,

Colin Hansen

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From: KEVIN WU [<mailto:KEVINWU@CA.BOCUSA.COM>]
Sent: September-04-14 4:08 PM
To: FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca
Cc: MIT.Minister@gov.bc.ca; Colin Hansen
Subject: A reply letter to Hon.Michael de Jong from Bank of China (Canada)

Dear Hon. Michael de Jong,

Thank you for your letter. Enclosed please kindly find the letter relied by our President & CEO Mr. Wang. The paper letter has been mailed to you.

Best regards,

Kevin Wu
Office Secretary
Bank of China (Canada)

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