

## CITY OF FORT MYERS Randall P. Henderson, Jr. Mayor

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Mr. Hamid Elkhalil Global Trading Gate, Inc. 151-10090 152nd St. Surrey BC V3R 8X8 Canada

Dear Hamid:

It was a pleasure to meet you during your recent visit to Fort Myers, Florida. I hope you enjoyed the remainder of your stay and will return often to our beautiful City. As Mayor of Fort Myers I am always looking for opportunities to create jobs and to bring financial capital to our community so I was especially interested in your offer to help us raise that capital. Your track record in Canada is very impressive and I welcome the prospect of you focusing your efforts on Fort Myers.

I think you can see by the extent of the planning and infrastructure work we have completed over the past few years that we are very committed to the growth and development of the City. The City has invested over \$75 million on a new downtown underground utility system (water, sewer and drainage), a new streetscape, a convention center, parking garages and other improvements. Other governmental entities such the County, State and Federal government have also invested over \$100 million in the downtown area.

As a result of a recently completed Riverfront Plan the City is now seeking developers and capital to help us implement that plan. The development opportunities include hotels, retail shops, restaurants, office buildings and residential development. The City has assembled a number of incentives to help make these projects a success including: establishment of a tax increment financing district and an Enterprise Zone; qualifying the area for New Market Tax Credits; and City control of much of the riverfront land which gives us the ability to create public/private partnerships.

I look forward to meeting with you again during your next visit and please call on my office for any assistance I may be able to provide.

Sincerely,

Randall P. Henderson, Jr. Mayor

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