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Boris Miksic
President & CEO
Cortec Corporation

Dear Boris:

Welcome to India! Thank you for joining the State of Minnesota Mission to India. As one of the world's largest and most promising emerging markets, India offers bountiful rewards to those willing to grasp the opportunities. By participating in this mission, you and your fellow delegates are making a bold statement about your interest in positioning Minnesota as a leader in global trade and investment. Our future depends in part on further development of the global economy – an economy in which India will play a prominent role.

Our mission is about more than business, and more than just this trip. We are also here to honor and appreciate India's diverse culture, and to create and sustain partnerships that last well beyond the mission. As an envoy from Minnesota, you play a key role in establishing these new bonds – bonds that will only grow in importance throughout this century.

Our mission presents many opportunities to expand your knowledge of India and your network of friends and contacts in India. I encourage you to make every moment count. Take full advantage of the in-depth market and industry briefings with government and business officials, panel discussions, site visits, and networking receptions that have been arranged for you by the Minnesota Trade Office. The knowledge you gain and the people you meet will become tremendous resources as you plan your future.

Again, welcome to India. First Lady Mary Pawlenty and I thank you for joining us on this great occasion. We wish you great success.

Sincerely,

Tim Pawlenty
Governor

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