



August 25, 2017, The Hague

Subject: Letter of support for SunGlacier

Dear Mister Verheggen and Mister Van Geloven,

**Dutch Coalition for Humanitarian Innovation**

The current trajectory of humanitarian assistance is not sustainable. The humanitarian sector worldwide is confronted with an increasing demand for humanitarian aid and emergency response services. Innovation is critical for the transformational change that is needed. The Dutch Coalition for Humanitarian Innovation (DCHI) is comprised of governmental actors, knowledge institutes, businesses (incl. small and medium sized enterprises) and humanitarian organizations in the Netherlands who strive for innovation to overcome the challenges faced by the humanitarian sector; increasing the impact of emergency aid as well as its (cost)efficiency. Together partners address challenges no single actor would be capable of effectively addressing on its own. DCHI brings together a unique combination of resources, expertise and capabilities.

The board of DCHI consists of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Defense, the Municipality of The Hague, the Netherlands Red Cross, CARE Netherlands, UNICEF Netherlands, and VNO-NCW. Partners of the coalition jointly work on projects in support of innovation in the humanitarian domain.

More information can be found on the website ([www.dchi.nl](http://www.dchi.nl)).

**DCHI and the SunGlacier project**

SunGlacier is an invention to obtain water out of air using solar energy and new concepts for energy storage. The first contact between DCHI and SunGlacier was established on April 27<sup>th</sup> 2017. This was shortly after you tested a SunGlacier prototype at the Dutch military base in Mali on invitation of the Dutch Ministry of Defense. The 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2017 you also presented SunGlacier at the innovation market on the summer-event of DCHI. Over time it became more and more clear that SunGlacier could contribute substantially to solve the major problem of the shortage of water in many areas in the world where humanitarian aid is provided.

Through this letter, the board of DCHI wants to express its support and commitment to jointly explore the value of SunGlacier in the humanitarian context. For as far as within reach of the Board and partners of DCHI, DCHI will work together with you providing humanitarian expertise and test facilities to do so. If the results of the exploration and tests show that SunGlacier could considerably contribute to the overall goal of DCHI (increasing the impact and reducing the costs of emergency aid), the board of DCHI will support in finding ways to implement SunGlacier in the humanitarian context. Please note that this collaboration doesn't imply or mean any claim on financial support of the ministry of Foreign Affairs or any of the other board members.

We are looking forward working together with you.

On behalf of board of the Dutch Coalition for Humanitarian Innovation (DCHI),

Mr. Gijs de Vries  
Chair of the DCHI board  
CEO of the Netherlands Red Cross