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Dear Janet,

I wanted to write to you and the procurement team to express our gratitude for the way the University of Manchester has helped Chariot to develop as a business.

We are extremely proud to be celebrating 40 years of business in 2017, and we feel that the University has played a key role in this achievement.

The supplier exhibitions that have been organised have been a fantastic way to speak to the staff from the many different procurement departments and enjoy expressing our genuine passion to supply the University in the most eco-friendly way possible.

As a preferred supplier to the University, we have been encouraged to achieve certification such as ISO14001 and ISO9001.

This has enabled our business to make positive improvements in many areas such as environmental impact, social impacts, and economic impacts.

Not only does this have a positive impact on our supply to the University, it has also helped us to win new business and also retain business.

Supplier tools such as the Net Positive Sustainable Procurement Supplier Engagement Tool have also helped Chariot to make further improvements.

As we enter a challenging economic period, we are excited and proud to be making some substance investment and improvements to further engage in a greener, more efficient future.

We currently operate from 2 sites, our office and showroom, and our distribution centre.

In order for Chariot to continually improve, we made the decision to create a single site location incorporating new offices, a disaster recovery room for our customers, showroom area, and a much improved staffroom facility to encourage our team to stay on site at break times to save on unnecessary travel.

This investment and these improvements, also include energy saving solutions such as led lighting and improved heating and insulation to help us reduce the energy our business uses.

Chariot has some exciting times ahead and will be making full use of the innovative tools that are made available by the University of Manchester procurement team.

A big well done and thank you from a truly local, Manchester business who are looking forward to meeting our growth plans over the coming years to generate further employment and opportunities for the local economy.

Kind Regards

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