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Recommendation letter – Isaac Brenya, Founder & CEO of Ecovon

To whom it may concern,

We have known Isaac Brenya since mid-2019, when he was selected to join the DSM One Young World delegation as a Brighter Living Scholar. Chosen from over 3000 applications, Isaac was one of three promising entrepreneurs in the field of Circular Economy who received a scholarship from DSM.

Isaac is the founder and CEO of Ecovon, an ecologically-focused start-up that engineers building materials out of sustainably-sourced coconut husk and sugarcane bagasse (turning waste materials into sustainable building materials). He is a former finalist for the Switch Africa Green Starter Award, Adansonia project 2016, SAG-SEED Awards 2017, and a Tony Elumelu Foundation scholar 2018. We were particularly impressed by **Isaac's business** idea as it was very much aligned with **DSM's circularity approach to use renewable and recycled/recovered materials**, with a focus on non-toxicity and health.

Having met Isaac in person in London during the week of One Young World, our impression is that Isaac can bring people together around a joint vision and listens well in group discussions. Brenya is outspoken when he is driven by a subject and a very curious person keen to understand topics fully. Brenya is respectful and understanding of people from other cultures, and able to work well with people from different backgrounds. In the future, we have no doubt that Isaac will through his creativity, hard work and perseverance, succeed in scaling up his startup and if given the opportunity have a tremendous impact in his home country Ghana and beyond.

Please don't hesitate to contact us directly should you have any questions about this recommendation.

Kind regards,



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