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Deputy Chief Darrell Moore  
Milwaukee Fire Department  
Bureau of Construction & Maintenance  
118 West Virginia Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204

Dear Deputy Chief Moore:

Thank you for responding to my request for further information regarding the specific condition of the fire equipment unit that is being evaluated for donation by the City of Milwaukee Fire Department (MFD) to Milwaukee's Sister City Morogoro, Tanzania per my letter dated May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

According to your letter dated May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009, the fire equipment unit (Darley/Ford pumping engine VIN #1FDYS90L3NVA19921) has been thoroughly inspected by MFD vehicle operations staff at the Bureau of Instruction and Training/Safety Academy and MFD has made a determination that the vehicle can provide functional and operational firefighting service to the City of Morogoro, Tanzania as long as the City of Morogoro is proactive and obtains preventative maintenance. Although the City will convey the vehicle to Morogoro on an "as is basis" and the City makes no warranties, express or implied, including but not limited to any implied warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose, your due diligence in fully disclosing the specific condition of the vehicle is commended and demonstrates the City's best efforts to equip our Sister City with pertinent information regarding the condition of the vehicle that is being proposed for donation.

In addition, I have reviewed the transfer agreement drafted by Assistant City Attorney, Tom Miller that sets forth that the City of Morogoro, Tanzania is solely responsible for the cost of transporting the vehicle from City property; and holds the City harmless from any and all liability, damages, losses, costs, and expenses arising out of the performance of the agreement. In short, I believe the City has fulfilled its duty by ensuring that the City's best interest is protected from a legal and fiscal standpoint and at the same time has made a good faith effort to make a meaningful contribution to the community of our Sister City Morogoro, Tanzania. Based on these reasons, I can in good faith make a determination that this donation is in the best interest of the City of Milwaukee as authorized in Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, Chapter 310-29.

Very truly yours,

Rhonda U. Kelsey  
City Purchasing Director

c: Alderman Joe Davis  
Fire Chief Douglas Holton  
Assistant City Attorney, Tom Miller

Enclosure (1)

