

August 2, 2011

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Thank you again for your invitation, I regret that I will not be able to attend the commissioning ceremony. I look forward to hearing more from you in the future on your continued successes in this area.

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