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Ms. Duygu Erten
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Dear Duygu,

It was so great to see you in San Diego. As the international voice on the USGBC Board of Directors, you provide such great perspective, and I'm always grateful for your warmth and your leadership.

I know how hard you've personally worked in Turkey, so it gives me great pleasure, on behalf of our 13,000 member organizations and our global network of nearly 200,000 LEED professionals, to let you know that this year Turkey is among the top 10 countries for LEED, ranking ninth in terms of GSM of LEED-certified space and number of projects. (These rankings do not include the United States, the world's single largest market for the LEED green building rating system.)

With 2.95 million GSM of LEED-certified space, 23.74 million cumulative GSM of LEED-certified and registered space, and 477 projects participating in LEED across the country it is clear that Turkey is a proven leader in the global green building movement. Congratulations!

Because of your service and leadership, Turkey is creating new jobs in green buildings, infrastructure and clean energy to advance forward-thinking sustainability agenda and growing its national economy. Projects like Rönesans Tower in Istanbul and the Konya Science Center are just two examples of the great work that the Turkish Green Building Council has inspired, paving the way for this critical market transformation we all seek.

We will be announcing the full list of the Top Countries for LEED on Wednesday, July 22, 2015, with an international press release as well as a national release specific to Turkey. My team will be looking to coordinate with you to help promote Turkey's global leadership in our efforts to transform the world's built environment within this generation.

Christopher Gray, a member of my communications team, will be in touch with you to finalize the details of the release. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

S. Richard Fedrizzi
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