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## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to inform you that Mercatique Consulting, under the leadership of Ms. Yasmine Kazadi, participated in the 15th BRICS summit hosted in Johannesburg from 22 to 24 August 2023.

The project involved menu development, wine pairing and selection, as well as the management of Chef Wandile Mabaso and Sommelier Mr. Xolani Mancotywa for the following events:

- Leaders Retreat Hosted by His Excellency, President Ramaphosa: 15 Guests
- State Banquet hosted in conjunction with Naspers: 380 VIP guests
- China Round Table Hosted by His Excellency, President Ramaphosa and His Excellency Xi Jinping: 15 Heads of State, 70 Media guests, and 30 Support staff

Mercatique Consulting, led by Chef Wandile and Xolani Mancotywa's teams, also developed Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for waiters and butlers. These procedures were developed to ensure that proper protocol is followed when serving Heads of States and VIPs, and that it showcases South Africa's hospitality to the esteemed guests.

Given that the primary clients were Heads of State from BRICS countries and other foreign dignitaries, the summit required a team capable of operating at a strategic level in planning catering activities. Ms. Kazadi successfully planned and managed the scope of work for the above listed events.

In my opinion, I would recommend Mercatique Consulting for any high-level event in the hospitality and catering industry, as they possess the necessary skills to fulfil clients' requirements with professionalism and integrity.

Sincerely  
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