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Opening Remarks Memorandum Signing Ceremony MNRE and Blue Orca New Zealand Ltd

Mr. Charles Kim (Managing Director of Samsung NZ)
Joshua Milner (Blue Orca NZ)

Welcome to this significant event marking a milestone for Samoa through our partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment and Blue Orca New Zealand Ltd.

Electronic waste has become one of Samoa's highest generated bulky waste with very limited options for recovery and management available in country. This partnership could not have come at a better time as Samoa makes strides in prioritizing E-Waste Management focusing on product stewardship and the circular economy. While developing legislation for proper waste management is crucial, we must also seize opportunities to export difficult wastes to protect our environment. This partnership offers substantial environmental benefits for Samoa over the next five years.

The Memorandum of Understanding we sign today embarks us on a promising five-year journey. The Ministry aims to synergize with other waste management initiatives for greater impact. We will also promote good data management and sharing for monitoring, reporting and evaluation. Both parties are encouraged to enhance the capacity of our stakeholders to ensure their commitment and participation in our collective waste management efforts.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Blue Orca New Zealand Ltd and Samsung New Zealand for their invaluable commitment and support in addressing our e-waste challenges. Your assistance is deeply appreciated.

Indeed a great example of joint efforts to adhere to our obligations under the Basel Convention for the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes to which both Samoa and New Zealand are parties.

To conclude, we look forward to this collaboration and to see some impactful "on the ground" outcomes in the next five years.

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