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Dear friends,

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome the guests and participants of MosBuild exhibition 2022 on behalf of the Embassy of the Republic of India to the Russian Federation.

India and Russia share Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership with multi-faceted relations that span various areas of cooperation including economic cooperation. Being the face of India and Indian businessmen in Russia, the Embassy attributes utmost priority to exhibitions and events held in Russia and incentivizes Indian businessmen to participate. Exhibitions such as MosBuild provide an opportunity to Indian companies to generate awareness about the India's domestic capacity, to showcase Indian products, as well as to establish new business communications. When we consider the sector of construction and finishing materials, MosBuild exhibition is that very optimal destination for companies wishing to work in Russian market.

India is a leading ceramic tile manufacturer worldwide, producing roughly 10% of global production. In 2020, India was the 5th largest exporter of Ceramic products, accounting for 3.5% of world exports. Indian ceramic Industry can be regarded as a great discovery for Russian market, which happened in recent years. This year, India is widely represented by Morbi Ceramic Association. Morbi province of Gujarat state is a globally known and is world's second-largest cluster producing ceramic tiles and related products. In recent years the products of Morbi multiplied its presence in Russian ceramics market, thanks to their world-class quality and perfect design. From year to year very representative delegations of Indian companies take part in the MosBuild exhibition, extending their horizons and opening India for Russian buyers.

I would like to avail myself of this opportunity to express my cordial gratitude to the organizers of MosBuild for their high professionalism and wish all success to them, as well as to all exhibitors and guests of this event.

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