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Dear Ken,

CenFRA Technical Advisory Group

As you know CenFRA has been formed to provide independent advice and guidance to the food and beverage sectors on the application, development and implementation of robotics and automation systems.

The Board of CenFRA has created a Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to provide advice on current developments and trends in automation technology and applications. This is to ensure CenFRA activities, developments and recommendations are based on the most up to date knowledge, industry practices and equipment available.

The TAG will consist of about 10 participants covering equipment and system suppliers, academia and research organisations as well as related organisations. Meetings will be quarterly and there will be communication between meetings. To ensure the TAG is effective it is important the participants are aware of the developments and trends within their sector and are willing to contribute to the meetings and activities of the TAG.

The Board of CenFRA has asked me to Chair the TAG and therefore I am now looking to identify appropriate candidates. The candidates representing equipment and system suppliers will be expected to represent the views and interests of their sector rather than their individual companies. Therefore the Board and I have decided it would be better for BARA to nominate the potential candidates to fill the roles representing the robot suppliers and the robot system integrators. Also, to ensure fair representation is seen to be achieved the period of membership of the TAG will be limited to two years.

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We are looking for two representatives, one for each group, and would be grateful if you could circulate this request to your membership and then forward the names of all the interested parties indicating your preferred candidates. I will then make contact and invite them to join the TAG.

I am hoping to finalise the membership of the TAG before the end of September and would appreciate a quick response.

Yours sincerely,



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