



*State House
Lusaka, Republic of Zambia*

19th November, 2021

Madalitso Muthiya

Dear Madalitso,

There is a Zambian proverb that proclaims: "Kalya Uzumanana – He who keeps on trying, gets the reward." I can think of no sentiment that better captures your hard work and determination in the sport of golf. You are most deserving of a book that celebrates your life, and the life of your father, Peter.

From the time you were a young amateur you captured the hearts of the nation with your powerful swing, your humble demeanor and your dominant victories at golf courses around Zambia. Your success carried over to your college years when you departed for the United States and helped the University of New Mexico earn three championships. Of course, countless Zambians stood proud in 2006 when you became the first Black African to ever play in the U.S. Open.

The glory you bring to Zambia has continued to this day as you live up to the meaning of your name, blessings, which you have certainly brought to our country. Each tournament you play as a professional, charts new territory as no Zambian has ever managed a career playing golf. For countless men, women and children you are the embodiment of what can be accomplished when talent is combined with hard work and faith.

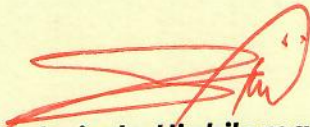
I also wish to commend James Roth for being a longtime friend of Zambia and for authoring *Blessed One* that tells the story of your remarkable journey. Your close relationship demonstrates the bond that can be created among people if they simply open their hearts to each other.

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Congratulations on your well-deserved success. As you move forward with your career, please remember that you carry the aspirations of Zambia with you.

Sincerely,



Hakainde Hichilema
PRESIDENT
REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA