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Ms. Sheila Rose
Director of Sustainable Development
City of Coconut Creek
Planning & Zoning Department
4800 West Copans Road
Coconut Creek, FL 33063

**RE: Green Globes vs. LEED Certification for
Gunther Volvo – Coconut Creek**
4300 North State Road 7
Coconut Creek, FL 33073

Dear Ms. Rose:

For the Gunther Volvo Project, we felt utilizing Green Globes for the certification process versus LEED was in the best interest of our Client for the following reasons.

1. We could not pursue LEED Certification because LEED specific prerequisites do not work well with combining an existing building with a new building. The Green Globes system provides us a choice to certify our building based on the best performance path for the Project.
2. The Green Globes review process is much quicker, saving an average of 2-3 months for completion.
3. Green Globes assigns an Assessor to the Project at the outset and works with the Design Team to ensure, throughout the process, that the strategies, technologies, materials and construction techniques employed, match the proposed plans for certification. At the end of the Project, assessors conduct a final walk through to ensure that the certification is validated by the final product and that the building has earned its certification. This is a process and a step not seen in LEED.
4. With LEED, everything is processed online with little to no person to person interaction. The online access for Green Globes is more user friendly than the LEED interface.

As a point of reference, we recently completed the design of an auto dealership in Hollywood, FL. The City of Hollywood requires Projects to be Green Certified and only recognized LEED; after reviewing the Green Globes comparison, they now accept Green Globes Certification as an alternative to LEED.

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The two systems, LEED and Green Globes, have the same goal of helping project teams design and build a greener building, but the methodology to get there is significantly different. Green Globes provides the best opportunity to certify Gunther Volvo.

Should you have questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Yours sincerely,
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