His Royal Highness Mohammed bin Salman

Crown Prince

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I recently had the great pleasure of meeting my friend Dr Majid al-Qasabi.

You may recall that when I first met this great man many years ago he was wearing a pair of floral swimming trunks.

That is because we were both diving off the coast of what was then a trackless desert – and is now becoming the astonishing city of NEOM.

I remain a fervent admirer of the vision you have for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and the reforms that you are driving. It is fair to say that there is no other country in the world that matches you for ambition or for speed of delivery.

You have also launched a breakneck campaign to transform your economy – and to embrace Net Zero and the green technological revolution, and, again, I offer my congratulations.

Although I now live a life of blameless rustic obscurity in Oxfordshire, I remain deeply committed to carbon reduction. I helped to run the highly successful COP 26 summit in Glasgow in November 2021, and I remain passionately convinced – as I know you are, too – that technology has the answers.

I explained to Dr Al-Qasabi that I now chair a company that offers practical solutions for developing green energy and reducing carbon. I would very much like to explore whether that company could be useful to you and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in achieving your ambitions – because I believe it certainly could.

I am sending a more detailed note to Dr Al-Qasabi, but it would of course be a great honour to come to see you and to explain in person.

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