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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

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Dear Sirs

JON ELLIOT

This letter is provided in a personal capacity and not on behalf of Sandberg LLP.

I am a Partner and Head of Department with Consulting Engineers, Sandberg LLP. I am also the recent Chairman of the Welding Specialists and Practitioners Management Committee which deals with certification for welding engineers and specialists worldwide and am recent Vice Chairman (and ex Chairman) of the Welding Fabricator Certification Management Committee which covers accreditations to BS EN ISO 3834, BS EN 1090-1 and BS EN ISO 15085 worldwide. These bodies are administered by The Welding Institute in the UK.

Over the years I have sat on a number of other committees for The Welding Institute, The British Institute for Non Destructive Testing and the Chartered Quality Institute. I have also assisted with aspects of the preparation of the National Structural Steelwork Specification and am currently assisting with the 7th Edition.

This involvement has assisted my role within Sandberg LLP to help and guide the structural steelwork industry in support of wider civil engineering, and vice versa. Our work in this field has brought both myself and colleagues into regular contact with Jon Elliot on a number of projects. It has been apparent for a number of years that Jon has been able to bring an unprecedented level of knowledge and understanding of the steelwork industry to civil engineering.

Jon has been instrumental in raising awareness of structural steelwork requirements, specifically welding and non destructive testing, to an industry that often has a poor understanding of the specific requirements and pitfalls. There is little doubt that Jon's involvement will have improved safety, quality and reduced costs for the many projects with which he has been involved.

Jon was particularly proactive in ensuring that his projects were compliant with the Construction Products Regulations at a time when this was in its infancy and unappreciated by his colleagues. Jon had a particularly sound understanding of the way that impacted the structural steelwork industry and took several measures, often involving myself, to assist in raising awareness of the requirements in the civil engineering industry. To this end, Jon prepared a highly beneficial paper on the subject of welding requirements, *The Importance of Welding Assurance*, which was peer reviewed by myself.

Whilst I am not a Civil Engineer, and am not therefore qualified to vouch for Jon's competence in that field, my dealings with Jon have been such that I have found him highly professional and personable. I believe that the wider civil engineering industry has greatly benefited from Jon's knowledge, presence and guidance over many years.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julian French', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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