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To whom it may concern

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Dear Sirs

Ref: Petroc College - Reference for Contract/Project Manager, Mr Mark Davis, and Foreman/Site Manager, Mr Peter Hamley, for Pearce Construction Ltd

Written by Mr Alex Darvill MRICS, MAPM, MCIQB, RMaps for Agora (Newmarket) Ltd/ACD Projects Ltd.

Ref: Project value circa £2,000,000 a complicated and intricate collection of buildings with a high level of detailed kennel facilities with veterinary disciplines, reception, storage, administration areas, complicated external works and drainage installations. Working on a compact confined site live with both clients and visiting general public.

History of person writing report:

Alex Darvill is a gold award member of the CIOB turned professional with RICS and undertakes the project management and design of many facilities for the animal welfare industry building state-of-the-art complex facilities for blue chip clients.

Mr Mark Davis

I have worked with Mark for the past 18 months. The first part of this period was through the two stage tendering negotiations where Mark clearly showed an expertise and knowledge of the scheme, he had taken onboard everything that had been sent in the tender package and excelled over other contractors. Through the tendering period and fairly lengthy value engineering he has shown his experience and has been astute in helping us to reach the targets required by the client. He has remained helpful and proactive throughout the course of the contract. He has been extremely responsive on any information flow, courteous but forthright and has tackled every task thoroughly. Pragmatism and keenness to help and suggest alternative solutions has been a breath of fresh air to the contract. He has been positive with the programmes and has not been afraid to say if there is a problem or a risk in sight, and instead of just giving the usual concerns and scaremongering he has come up with solutions or has already instigated some form of recovery.

It has been a pleasure to work with Mark and should I have any future work in the area currently covered by Pearce Construction I would have no hesitation to use Pearce, who I have been impressed with, but, more importantly, I would ask for Mark and if at all possible his colleague Peter Hamley, to whom I report next.

Mr Peter Hamley

Like Mark, Peter attended the tender interview and clearly showed his experience and, once again, the knowledge of the site that had been gained by reading the tender documentation in great detail. Peter has always been polite on site and I can see by his actions with site operatives that he is a hard task master he also gets the targets met. He is always offering alternative solutions if there are any problems. The safety aspect of the site is very important to Peter and even through some months of very heavy rain I have been impressed with how clean the site has been kept. As previously stated, his ability to keep on programme is exemplary which is due to his forward thinking.

Whenever we have contacted Peter it is obvious that he knows a vast amount about the project. He seems to balance his time well between office duties and site operations which gives him a good grounding for full comprehension of the scheme drawings and workmanship.

Peter and Mark work very well as a team as they have respect for each other and between them they have a formidable site project partnership.

Some other notable attributes that have been demonstrated throughout this contract are as follows;

- Knowledge of local suppliers and sub-contractors and care on who they select.
- Management and control of sub-contractors and suppliers.
- Hands-on practical experience.
- Responses to contractor RFI's very fast.
- Contract administration and general housekeeping is very well organised.
- Architectural, structural and drainage design knowledge is excellent.
- Research of recent similar centres has been very in-depth.

I would have no hesitation in recommending Peter as one of the best site managers I have worked with.