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To whom it may concern

Re: Scott Lafferty

I have known Scott Lafferty for 15 years. Initially this was through the development of the Royal Australian Navy minesweeping system. The sonar survey system, which involved the first operational deployment of a sonar video imaging system, was designed and constructed by Scott Lafferty (both hardware and software). He won a worldwide tender for supply of the equipment based on practical demonstration (not simply price and specification) that involved an eight week practical assessment. The system subsequently evolved to be the first military adapted, commercial equipment based, sonar video system.

Through the time of the initial development I learned that Scott did not have a formal computer education. However through observation of Scott and other persons involved in similar work it was clear that he was far ahead of the market in terms of forward thinking of the concepts and future development of similar systems. It is also obvious when around Scott that he is a voracious reader with a photographic memory and is self taught to an amazing degree of higher mathematics, computer system development and program writing.

Over the years I have also personally observed Scott performing practical tasks in application of his computer software and its integration into a range of sensors and complex interactions that shows his complete mastery of the theory and practical aspects of the high level systems that he develops. Scott also has vast experience in practical operational of geophysical equipment and offshore operations. This is with military and commercial operations in many geographical locations worldwide. In fact he is probably unique amongst proponents of the craft with more practical experience than

any other and the intellectual capital to turn this practical knowledge into theoretical development of updated and breakthrough systems.

In addition to the ability to develop systems Scott has a unique ability to instruct others in the operation of complex systems in a manner that allows operator level personnel to understand and manage complex geophysical equipment. This also translates into a good capability in training development and the assistance to training the trainers.

My experience with Scott Lafferty commenced whilst I was the Operational development manager for the RAN minesweeping project from 1986 to 1993 as a Lieutenant Commander RAN, thence as the offshore systems manager for Seismic Supply International (subsequently re-named Seismic Asia Pacific), a leading Australian geophysical supply agency. Throughout these occupations I was closely associated with Scott first as a customer thence as a close marketing associate. Throughout the 15 years I have been associated with Scott I have not observed him fail in the development of software for any particular application.

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