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RE: Scott Lafferty Immigration

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Scott since 1999 when we were both working on a number of marine projects together. These projects involved collaboration between the University of St Andrews and marine survey companies in the oil and gas sector, in particular Sage Survey and Submetrix Ltd. The nature of the work was in the development of visualisation for 3D bathymetric sidescan sonar and represented cutting edge technology at that time. Scott brought invaluable and unique skills to the programme that were impossible to source elsewhere in the UK. His contribution to the DTI Teaching Company Scheme Project was a major factor in the ultimate success of the project and subsequent development of the projects products.

In summary, I have no hesitation to recommend that Scott's permission is extended and that his ability to work in the UK continues as I look forward to being able to utilise his expertise in future projects with the University. I have great hopes that with a change in his circumstances Scott will also be able to visit with the University in order to participate in the teaching programmes as I believe that the students would also greatly benefit from his extensive experience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Richard Bates', written in a cursive style.

Dr Richard Bates