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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

CTO SA Ship Design and Research Centre

I have known and have been collaborating with CTO SA Ship Design and Research Centre on various professional activities since the mid-1990s. These activities have involved working jointly on numerous multi-national Research and Development projects (e.g. European Framework Programmes) as well as requesting CTO SA to commission various dedicated and specialised hydrodynamic testing facilities and equipment manufacturing.

The commissioning activities have been comprehensive. These included three major facilities commissioning/renovation activities for my previous institution (Newcastle University of UK) where I was the Director of the Emerson Cavitation Tunnel. CTO SA successfully conducted a major replacement and renovation work for the Emerson Cavitation tunnel measuring section in 2007-8. They also conducted the recent relocation and further upgrading of this 70 years old facility outside the university campus in 2015-16. For the same institution, CTO SA also detailed designed and commissioned a novel Fully Turbulent Flow Channel and Multi-Purpose Flume facilities for coating performance tests including ageing and drag reduction tests in 2014-15.

My relations, as the research director of my present job at the Strathclyde University of UK, have continued with CTO SA by the recent commissioning of another new Fully Turbulent Flow Channel facility for my current department during 2018-19.

Based on the trust that CTO SA has built on me, I have also recommended them to my alumni university, the Technical University of Istanbul (ITU), for the detailed design and commissioning of their new high-speed and large cavitation tunnel (ITU-CAT) which is being currently commissioned in the ITU Campus.

In summary, based on the above-summarised sample activities, and over the last two decades of experience with them, I have formed an impression that CTO SA is a trustworthy and expert company to collaborate within their specialised area to trust them and rely on their products and helpful services.

This statement is produced based on their request and my own experience with their products and services as well as my relations with numerous colleagues of CTO SA whom I have collaborated.

If you have any query or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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