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To whom it may concern:

We hereby confirm that **Mr. Florin NICULESCU** has worked within the Framework Contract **EuropeAid/268804** as External Observer for the Commission for the Evaluation of the International open works tender for the works "*Construction of new motorway section Demir Kapija – Smokvica, part of the Pan-European Corridor X*", where the Contracting Authority is the CFCD of the Ministry of Finance of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

The motorway alignment crosses difficult and environmentally sensitive mountainous areas, hence works execution for the 28.2 km motorway include beside earthworks on cuts and embankments, 2 (*two*) double tube tunnels above 1 km length, 6 (*six*) bridges (*including cantilevered*) and 2 (*two*) interchanges, 5 (*five*) overpasses and 7 (*seven*) underpasses.

The estimated value of this works contract was 245,000,000€, as published with ref **EuropeAid/131015/D/WKS/MK**.

The specific objective of the assignment was to provide an independent expertise as observer for the above mentioned tender evaluation, according to the rules of the Practical Guide to Contract procedures for EU external actions – PRAG.

The assignment took place in Skopje, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, between January – March 2012.

The tasks executed by Mr. Florin NICULESCU included participation as observer in the Evaluation Committee, at all stages of the evaluations (*including briefing/ debriefing meetings*) and provision of an informed and unbiased assessment on the regularity of the evaluation process.

In carrying out the assigned tasks Mr. Florin NICULESCU has demonstrated that he possesses excellent technical and administrative capacities, necessary to give an informed opinion on the works tender evaluation, in regard of the relevant EU rules, as well as on

the particular technical and contractual (*Red FIDIC book1999*) matters that came under assessment.

Mr. Florin NICULESCU has also demonstrated good communication and reporting skills, providing reliable and objective information to the Commission, during the entire evaluation process.

In the light of above and of rendered services, we highly recommend Mr. Florin NICULESCU as a highly experienced and reliable professional.



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