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## To whom it may concern:

The purpose of this letter is to indicate my personal endorsement of the geotechnical testing services provided by In-Situ Soil Testing L.C., Lancaster Virginia, Roger Failmezger, President.

Mr Failmezger is an accomplished and innovative engineer who has adopted and adapted the latest advances in in-situ testing for his company.

He also shows unusual enthusiasm and willingness to advance his profession, for example by organizing, co-editing, funding, and publishing the Proceedings from the Second International Conference on Dilatometer Testing, Washington, D.C., April 2-5, 2006.

His company also has reproduced many references from the literature on a CD that also includes video illustrations of various testing procedures. The CD is distributed for personal use free of charge.

Mr. Failmezger contributes to professional symposia and journals, particularly in the field of statistical evaluations of data and relations to the factor of safety.

Mr Failmezger's approach is to first understand a problem and then select the best testing methods, of which he has many at his disposal, to obtain the most meaningful answers. In my humble opinion is that it doesn't get any better than that.