LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT

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To whom it may concern:

I have known Roger Failmezger, President of In-Situ Soil Testing L.C., Smithfield, Virginia, both professionally and personally, since he graduated in Civil Engineering from the University of Florida.

He has contributed to the advancement of his geotechnical specialty, in-situ testing, in many ways, including improving old and developing new testing methods by hands-on work in the field, and organizing and leading many large geotechnical conferences in the Virginia area. He has also contributed to the professional literature in this specialty.

Schmertmann and Crapps, Inc., had several opportunities to work with him in connection with our consulting for the stability of the NASA heavy rocket crawlerways at the Kennedy Space Center leading to launch pads 39A and 39B. He provided all the equipment, driven an operated by himself, to perform state of the art in-situ soil testing along the crawlerways. We thought ourselves fortunate to have Roger available.

Roger also has a very likeable personality. I consider him a colleague and friend. For example, I invited him and his wife to my 90th birthday party in Gainesville FL, and they came!

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