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To whom it may Concern

RE: PROFESSIONAL ENDORSEMENT / LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

It Gives me great pleasure to write this letter of recommendation in support of Alex Lockhart toward future practice or higher education in a PhD application.

Our practice has had to pleasure to know and work with Alex beginning in July of 2016, when he participated in an intensive 4-week studio in Ho Chi Minh hosted by Curtin University in which we supervised. Since, Alex has maintained regular contact with our practice sharing details of his academic and professional process and following the completion of his studies in July 2019 travelled to Ho Chi Minh to work at KientrucO for 10 weeks ending in December of 2019.

I would like to acknowledge the excellent work produced by Alex during his short time with our practice; where he worked amongst different teams in both the conceptual and design development phases of a number of different projects.

Alex worked efficiently and diligently, producing a large quantity of sketches, physical models and architectural drawings toward the projects he participated in. Despite difficulties in communication due to language he was of great benefit during design meetings with project teams; often preparing a number of drawings and models which he used to communicate the more complex concepts of his designs. His ideas influenced a number of preliminary design decisions in each of the projects he worked upon, often focussed upon the experience of the architecture by its occupants and ensuring the quality and sustainability of the building.

Alex was not only a benefit to the projects he worked upon but the architects in our office, demonstrating a broad understanding of architectural theory and contemporary practice which he happily shared with members of our team beyond office hours. Recognising his generosity, we additionally invited Alex to attend 3rd year design studios coordinated by our principal architect Dam Vu at the University of Architecture Ho Chi Minh, were his critiques were positively received and appreciated by students.

Alex has a promising future within the practice and teaching of architecture. With a rigorous work ethic, curious mind and kind disposition, I highly endorse Alex without any reservations and encourage any practice or institution to offer him the opportunity to continue to grow and thrive. Good luck, and thank you for taking the time to review this recommendation



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Principal Architect