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Subject: Reference for 42 - passenger Crew Boat

To Whom It May Concern:

I was the Contracting Officer Representative for the Panama Canal Commission for the construction of three vessels constructed by MetalCraft Marine Inc., and believe that I have a first hand knowledge of their abilities.

I have been asked to write a reference letter pertaining to the 42 - passenger Crew boat that Panama Canal Commission purchased from MetalCraft Marine Inc.

The Panama Canal Commission (PCC) had a contract with the Canadian Commercial Corporation (CCC) which in turn had a contract with MetalCraft Marine (MCM). Having CCC guarantee the contract eliminated the risk for PCC.

During this project we found our dealings with MCM to be equitable, reliable and consciencous. They truly were striving to produce the best boat possible. During the building process many design changes were suggested both by PCC and MCM these changes made great improvements to the final product. The vessel met the contract specification and exceeded our expectations. PCC Dredging Division has also purchased two other vessels through CCC from MCM and found the same cooperation.

The 54' - 42 passenger Crew Boat has been working in the Dredging Division of the Panama Canal Commission for approximately two years. To date we have not had any problems with the vessel, all aspects of the vessel were engineered to our needs, and the craftsmanship was carried out expertly and methodically.

If you have any further questions regarding this vessel please contact me at telephone # 011-507-272-5549, or Mr. Jorge De La Guardia at telephone # 011-507-272-6163) as I am very often not near a phone.

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