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United States Regulatory Commission
Washington DC 20555-0001

Dear Jim

Croft QA Manager Independence

I detect from our discussions that you may have some uncertainty about the independence of our QA manager. I am writing this to certify that the QA manager has total independence on QA issues pertaining to safety. In matters pertaining to disposition of QA issues such as reporting, non conformance and auditing, the QA manager has total independence.

Furthermore, the QA manager has no involvement in projects in any capacity except to advise on how to meet the requirements of the QMS.

With regard to NITS issues, such as making changes to the QMS, we work by consensus, although in the case of disagreement, the decision is mine and not his.

I trust this provides sufficient assurance of our commitment to providing the QA manager with the authority he requires to carry out his function in meeting the requirements of both US and UK regulations.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr R A Vaughan".

Dr R A Vaughan
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