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### **TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

It is a great pleasure, privilege and honour to write an honest and sincere testimony of my supervisor, Dr Andre Du Plessis.

My interaction with Dr Du Plessis dates back to March 2013 when I enrolled as an M Ed student and he was assigned to be my supervisor. I could not have hand-picked a better visionary and inspirational leader, mentor and motivator. I've come to know Dr Du Plessis as a humble human being who is the personification of the words "to go the extra mile". Dr Du Plessis or "dok" as I refer to him, was a great anchor and support at times when I was overcome with personal challenges such as the death of my father. He knew exactly how to manage my desperation and grief and did not put any undue pressure to finish, allowing me to gain mental and emotional readiness to continue my studies where I paused.

Dok possess over a cosmic repertoire of ICT skills and knowledge and I have indeed maximised my ICT potential through interaction with him. In terms of ICT he is indeed a team worker, visionary leader, creative thinker and in a class of his own. His contributions towards the ICT arena is remarkable and supersedes many contemporary thought in terms of ICT.

Furthermore he exudes a natural positive energy and an uncontained enthusiasm. He has a passion for sharing knowledge and his various research studies are proof that his research was more than just a certificate hanging on a wall. He is actively involved in the training of schools in previously disadvantaged communities bringing hope the otherwise voiceless in a sea of ICT chaos.

If one could summarise Dr Du Plessis in one word, it would be quite difficult, but "quality" is what he is about. Nothing but the best is good enough and this he engenders in his students.

I therefore do not hesitate in recommending him for any position he qualifies for. My best wishes accompany him and I am confident that he will thrive abundantly and be a positive asset and prove to be an invaluable contribution to any institution.

Yours sincerely

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