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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

It is indeed a pleasure for me to say something about the character and leadership abilities of Dr Andre Du Plessis in the faculty.

He has been known to me for the past five years in his capacity as a colleague specialising in ICT and teacher education.

I have found Dr Du Plessis to be a diligent and determined person who sets goals for himself and works hard to achieve them. This is evident in the PGCE programme he is leading. In this programme he communicates very effectively with all staff members involved in the programme as well as students. All important information reaches all stakeholders timeously. In this regard I can easily say he expects the best from himself and others and is not willing to settle for less.

Dr Du Plessis is well liked in the faculty and well respected because of his interpersonal skills, willingness to assist others and his invitational disposition as a leader. Dr Du Plessis' leadership extends beyond the education faculty as he is also very involved in community development projects. He is very passionate about his engagement in these community projects.

I have learnt to know Dr Du Plessis a refined, sensitive leader who is dedicated to the educational development of all those he works with, a hard worker and an industrious person. I am very convinced that he will be a good ambassador of NMMU if he is selected for the NMMU Distinguished Teacher Award. I therefore highly recommend him without hesitation.

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