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To whom it may concern;

Re Vincent Dirks

To Whom It May Concern:

It is a pleasure to write a letter of reference for Vincent Dirks. Vincent was employed by the University of Auckland as a software engineer from September 2002 to July 2003 followed by several months of contract work. The primary focus of our laboratory is research and development of implantable sensors for use in animal based research. Our lab has developed a unique telemetry based amplifier and wireless transmitter that is radically altering the ability to collect data relating to the control of blood pressure. This project has been underway for 3 years and Vincent was a major contributor to this project under the supervision of Dr David Budgett. Vincent was primarily responsible for implementation of embedded software for handling Bluetooth wireless transmission. He worked as a member of a small dedicated team (4 people). Vincent has a wealth of enthusiasm and ideas. He demonstrated a high degree of professionalism both in his dealings with me and other members of my laboratory. His attention to detail and willingness to invest the time to meet deadlines was well respected.

Yours sincerely,

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