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To whom it may concern

Subject: Reference for Engineer Nazir Ahmed

This is to confirm that for 6 of the months of the two and a half year period in which I was project manager, Engineer Nazir Ahmed worked as the Survey Team Leader for UNDCP's Drug Control Monitoring Project for Afghanistan.

His role as Survey Team Leader is to manage a census based ground survey of opium poppy cultivation across the whole of Afghanistan. This is a difficult task in a sometimes hostile environment. Whilst this Survey has been undertaken for a number of years prior to his appointment, Engineer Nazir has brought fresh insight and ideas, as well as a high degree of technical competence, that has been most welcome. His interpersonal skills have proven to be invaluable both in the field and the office, and he has proven able and willing to meet tight deadlines when required. His organisational skills and planning techniques for the implementation of the Annual opium Poppy Survey as well as the introduction of a new more detailed land use survey in UNDCP's target districts have proven exemplary.

During the time that I have worked with Engineer Nazir he has proven to be a very helpful and cooperative member of staff. He has proven diligent and his professional integrity is to be congratulated. I wish him all the best.

Yours sincerely,

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