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Letter of Recognition

This letter is in recognition of valuable contributions to BP Lingen by ECE Solutions, LLC, Mr. Thomas Schmidt, President and CEO.

Over the past three years, we have had the opportunity to get to know Thomas in terms of his work ethics, skills, and ambition. His dedication and hard work have resulted in continuous improvements in the performance and operations. Due to his outstanding efforts, I am delighted to point out some of his contributions which are very much appreciated.

We sought his support and input first for our design and documentation, as well as inspection departments. Today, Thomas renders his support to management in addition. He carefully listened to our needs and studied the systems and procedures in place. Thomas developed a comprehensive strategy paper, which we then approved and implemented.

During meetings, Thomas maintains a professional image and constructively discusses all subjects. He supports a congenial work environment and utilizes conflicts to facilitate a beneficial conclusion for all stakeholders. He has broad perspective and willingly contributes to all aspects of projects, while focusing on the group's success.

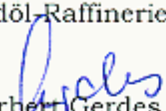
We are especially thankful for the entrepreneurial attitude Thomas brought to our work environment. Thomas took on additional tasks in support of meeting or surpassing our business goals, and consistently initiated activities allowing delivery of improvement projects. This consistent contribution truly exceeded our expectations.

BP has involved Thomas in tasks critical to our high level business objectives and was instrumental in enabling us to achieve organizational visions. His consensus orientation and commitment was evident not only as proven by our refineries success, but also the achievement of BP's Refining Technologies group and was highly regarded by everyone who interacted with him. His relevant technical and professional experience allows him to influence the decision-making process, as well as to take significant ownership by his own initiative. Thomas sets performance standards by example.

The above highlights our satisfaction with his commitment and contribution to our success. We are thankful and fortunate to have had Thomas Schmidt as part of the BP team.

Best regards,

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