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To Whom It May Concern:

Marsden 'A' and 'B' Power Stations – Demolition Contract

Ray Hatch has been employed as a Leading Hand Rigger/Gas Cutter on the above project from 28th May 1997 to 31st October 1997.

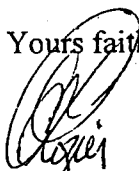
The work has involved the dismantling of 3500 tonnes of structural steel, 2 top hung boilers - 600 tonne each, turbines, generators, pumps and ancillary pipework.

The contract also required McConnell Smith Ltd to demolish 2 only 122 metre x 1250 tonne concrete chimney wind shields. We decided to sub-contract the work to Controlled Demolition Incorporated U.S.A. using explosives, which was the safest, most environmentally friendly way to complete the work. Ray Hatch was an integral part of this team using his current New Zealand Explosives Certificate and his gas cutting skills to ensure the chimneys landed in their designated fall zones.

Ray has been a reliable member of our workforce and has carried out all tasks allotted to him to our entire satisfaction. He is being made redundant from this contract as the job is nearing completion and we are decreasing our workforce.

We would have no hesitation in employing Ray again on work of a similar nature. We wish him well for the future and thank him for a job well done.

Yours faithfully



Fred Crozier
Project Manager