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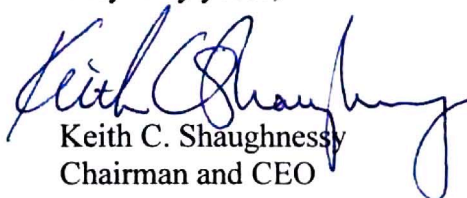
To Whom It May Concern:

Metapoint Partners has had a relationship with Jim Gilreath for more than 17 years. We are a private investment firm that acquires manufacturing companies and works closely with them to improve their value. An important part of our success is tied to finding the right people for available positions. Jim has been a key partner in that regard.

Gilreath Consultancy has handled 24 searches for Metapoint Partners. We have never experienced anyone who does a more thorough and complete evaluation of candidates. Gilreath provides a dossier on each candidate that leaves no stone unturned.

We are happy to recommend his services without reservation.

Very truly yours,



Keith C. Shaughnessy
Chairman and CEO