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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I have known John Rasic since 2003. John and I have a similar approach to soil survey work for intensive irrigation developments and we keep in touch on a regular basis to compare notes. He is a dedicated family man with plenty of life experience and we always have plenty to talk about.

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The following features about John have always appealed to me:

- John has an enthusiastic and energetic approach to his work.
- He produces his own soil maps and profile images with a very high quality.
- Being on the boundary between soil surveying, soil amelioration and civil engineering, John offers a unique and very valuable set of skills to clients. He also understands the need for outside assistance on some jobs. John appreciates genuine expertise in others and teams up with them where appropriate.
- John is deeply ambitious for the profession of commercial soil surveying and has pushed hard for an improvement in technical and ethical standards.

John's sound approach to his work is encapsulated well in the following publications:

Rasic J (2005) Soil assessment and management an essential component of business plans for established vineyards. *Australian & New Zealand Grapegrower & Winemaker* **495**, 20-21.

McKenzie DC, Rasic J, Hulme PJ (2008) Intensive survey for agricultural management. In: *Guidelines for surveying soil and land resources: Second edition* (eds. NJ McKenzie, MJ Grundy, R Webster, AJ Ringrose-Voase); Chapter 29, pp. 469-490. (CSIRO Publishing: Collingwood).

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