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To whom it may concern

I had the opportunity to know Luis Neto by the time he was my student in two courses of the “Master Degree (MSc) in Transport Planning and Operations” at Instituto Superior Técnico (IST), in the academic year 2012/2013.

Luis Neto was a brilliant student, showing an extraordinary capacity to discuss and assimilate new concepts. In fact, Luis Neto produced excellent works and obtained the highest score of the class that year both in the “Railway Transport” course (16 out of 20) and in the “Social and Behavioural Aspects in Transportation” course (16 out of 20).

After finishing the academic part of his Master Degree and while completing his MSc Dissertation, I noticed with satisfaction that Luis Neto obtained a scholarship to participate as a researcher in relevant European and national research and consultancy projects, under the supervision of Prof. Rosário Macário. Namely, I know that Luis had a strong involvement with leading rôle in the project “Port Innovation” a project in partnership with the University of Antwerp, and in the project “Shipperline modulo Analytics”, a consultancy project focussed on the development of a software application with a database on intermodal chain key performance indicators that supports the decision process of national shippers when choosing their transport service providers. In both cases Luis was responsible for the coordination with the clients and for the elaboration of the project reports. Furthermore Luis Neto also participated in the project “Impact Analysis and Cost Benefit Analysis of Countermeasures on Airport infrastructure”, a European project aiming to develop a decision support tool for the selection of methods and equipment for passenger and luggage control in airport terminals. These relevant experiences certainly contributed furthermore to the consolidation of his competencies.

I can therefore acknowledge that Luis Neto acquired an excellent academic and technical background in the field of Transport Operations and Planning. These skills combined with his creativity and very robust working skills give him, I am completely sure, all the attributes to fulfil a very successful professional career in this domain.

I’d like to express my willingness to clarify any points mentioned here or any other topics that may be deemed relevant.


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