

Character Reference

Alex Iotzov

To whom it may concern

It gives me great pleasure in writing this reference for Alex.

Alex came to work for me during our most recent project in Canada over 2000/1 and was engaged as senior 'base automation' and 'plant interface' engineer.

These were 5 major projects for Dofasco Tinplate Inc, comprising of some 350 AC/DC drives and base automation set-up systems -- to be retrofitted to the existing operational process lines; with the final conversions taking place over 24hr cycles, typically over 2-3wk periods. Total value 40million \$ Canadian

I was drafted out by Alstom Power Conversion to carryout the role of 'Project Site Manager'.

Due to the 'accelerated' programme of works I needed an extremely competent and dedicated 'plant interface' engineer, equipment and cabling installation supervisor and also a systems commissioning engineer to compliment the general commissioning teams during main outages.

This combined role is not easy to find together with the required skills and expertise, coupled with the temperament and dedicated discipline with 'attention to detail' key.

The existing plant interface engineering was by far our 'weakest link' and is where Alex became an invaluable source of intimate knowledge of the existing plant.

This often resulted in very complex 'modifications' of redesign and engineering, which he instigated and undertook himself.

It is also an undisputed fact, that due to this dedicated attention to detail, he and he alone, saved this project 'significant' sums of additional expense -- monies that would have otherwise been spent 'correcting' serious engineering issues during the worst possible time -- the outages.

He performed the role beyond all my expectations and requirement, often under tight constraint and arduous conditions.

His base knowledge of the Steel industry technology is prodigious coupled with his skill and understanding of 'base automation' systems definitive!

His 'no nonsense' dogged approach proved to be a 'bench mark' for others to emulate throughout the whole project phase, over some 24 months!

The project was completed to time and to budget -- where it was thought due to the technology and time constraints would likely fail.

It is without any doubt, Alex takes a good deal of credit for our success through his engineering skill and knowledge, discipline and dogged determination to succeed -- the subsequent issues/faults uncovered through detailed and often very difficult interrogation and correction early.

He will enhance any job, project or circumstance he is placed in.

He has a 'strong' confident will and 'focused' determination to succeed in anything he undertakes, often going way beyond his brief.

Any prospective employer will be 'enriched' by his engagement and want to take this opportunity to extend to Alex my personal and indebted thanks and wish his continued success to an already impressive and distinguished career.

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