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Ms. Karla Diring
Deputy Appointments Secretary
Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Recommendation for Appointment of Elizabeth "Betsy" Mathieson to the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists

Dear Ms. Diring:

Thank you for contacting me regarding my May 22, 2006 letter of recommendations for Board appointments, and my follow-up phone call. I've contacted a few candidates for the Engineering Geologist position (I've not been able to identify any other Geophysicists besides William Black), and one, Betsy Mathieson, has filed an application this past Thursday.

I've known Ms. Mathieson for well over 10 years. During that time she has served the industry and the public by promoting engineering geology in the interest of public safety at the local, state, and national level. Locally, she has participated in the San Francisco Section of the Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists (AEG), and rose to the level of Chair of that Section. On the state level, as Chair of the San Francisco Section of AEG, she hosted many of the meetings of the committee organizing the formation of the California Council of Geoscience Organizations (CCGO), and was one of the charter signatories of its incorporation. Since then she has been an officer and President of CCGO, and is currently its Code Development Committee Chair. Nationally, she has testified at hearings of the International Code Council on the need for engineering geology investigations for certain types of construction projects, and the need for geologists and geological investigations to be defined and referenced in their building code alongside soils engineers and soils engineering investigations.

Ms. Mathieson has demonstrated a strong aptitude for working with diverse groups to effectively promote the need for engineering geology in the interest of public safety. Her appointment to the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists will enhance the Board's effectiveness in their mission to "continually enhance the quality, significance and availability of geological and geophysical services to the people of the State of California."

Sincerely,

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