



October 17, 2005

To whom it may concern

REF: Ali Mallakin-

This is a letter of recommendation on behalf of Dr Ali Mallakin who is applying for a position at your institution.

I became acquainted with Dr Mallakin and his work in 2002 when he was a Senior Biomedical Research Fellow at LSU Health Sciences Centre, School of Medicine, Department of Ophthalmology, New Orleans, LA. We have established research collaboration in the area of electroactive polymers for optical applications. We have exchanged literature and collaborated scientifically through Emails and phone calls. Further, within our scientific collaboration I have visited the LSU centre in November 2002.

In all of the above I see of Ali as an enthusiastic, energetic, active and keen researcher. His ambition in research makes him develop very respectable innovative ideas. Definitely he has the capability and the aptitude of advanced level research. There is no doubt that he has the mind and status of a good scientific researcher. He generates good ideas as well as conducts very impressive research. In brief, I would love to have a person with Ali's ambitions and qualifications to work for me.

As far as his teaching strength and capability, there is no doubt in mind that the knowledge and experience that Ali has will support his case of teaching and delivering various subjects in his field.

Please feel free to contact me for any further details.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'A. M. Al-Jumaily'.

Ahmed Al-Jumaily
Professor of Mechanical Engineering
Director
Engineering Research Institute

Private Bag 92006 Auckland 1020 New Zealand
Email: ahmed.al-jumaily@aut.ac.nz

Facsimile: 64-9-917-9973 Telephone: 64-9-917-9777
Website: www.eri-aut.info