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To whom it may concern,

Re: Mr. Elliot Yehia

Since establishing my own architectural practice in 1986, I have enjoyed having Elliot Yehia has one of my most important clients.. Together we have completed a variety of projects, in terms of scale and complexity and throughout this process, Elliot has always demonstrated an interest in looking a new ideas, and finding innovative solutions.

Our work together included looking for sites, establishing buyer/market profiles, meetings to review schematic and detailed design, interaction with all levels of government - planning and zoning departments, building departments, City councils, as well as public meetings. In addition, I have spent many hours with Elliot reviewing construction work, and working with general contractors and sub-trades.

Specifically, the projects we have worked on together include the following:

HILDON HOTEL -50 WEST CORDOVA , CITY OF VANCOUVER

A class C heritage building in Gastown, the new operators of the Hildon Hotel wished to convert a large portion of the ground floor from pub use to restaurant use, add a commercial kitchen, and create a new delicatessen outlet in an unused storefront. In addition, a new steel and glass canopy was proposed in an area currently used for parking. As part of the renovation proposal, the Heritage Advisory panel requested that the entire storefront be renovated as well, in order to bring the storefront of the building back to its original heritage character.

WATERFRONT COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT, RICHMOND B.C.

A mixed use development consisting of a 60 berth marina, a pier structure with 5000 sq. ft. restaurant and a separate office/retail building. Located on the dike in Richmond, the project includes a public walkway all along the edge of the water, and a small public park.

GLASSCORPS MANUFACTURING/OFFICES, LANGLEY 8000 sq. ft. tilt up structure to accommodate a plastics manufacturing process, as well as staff offices and facilities

ATRIUM ADDITION - NORMAN MACKENZIE HOUSE - UBC

APEC WORLD ECONOMIC CONFERENCE A Steel and glass structure, attached to the University President's house, located on the bluff overlooking the Straight of Georgia. The client for the project was the Federal Government of Canada, providing a budget of \$500,000.

NEWPORT PIER BUILDING AND MARINA- NANAIMO WATERFRONT

The pier building was the final phase in this waterfront development on the City of Nanaimo waterfront. The building includes approximately 12000 sq.ft of commercial office space, and is built of steel overtop the water, on a pier like platform. A public walkway is incorporated into the perimeter of the building, providing a opportunity for pedestrians to break away from the waterfront walkway, and meander out over the water. The structure has an industrial character, in keeping with the Nanaimo waterfront, and is reminiscent of previous pier buildings, including dance halls and classic wharf

structures, with strong roof lines, and perimeter walks. The budget was approximately 1.5 million, excluding tenant improvements. Finishes include metal roofing, shingled walls, and painted steel railings.

NEWPORT WATERFRONT CONDOMINIUMS, NANAIMO, B.C. 74 condominiums in conjunction with a 120 berth marina and pier-restaurant and waterfront park on Newcastle Channel. 5 separate structures with underground parking. sloping metal roofs, dormers etc. and a central street.

NATIONAL GLASS WAREHOUSE, LANGLEY, B.C. Design and construction documents for a 24,000 sq. ft. warehouse for the storage of glass. Construction was of tilt up concrete type, with a separate office area. Client wished to utilize as much glazing as possible in innovative ways.

VILLAGE SQUARE, District of North Vancouver, \$2.5 million mixed-use building, completed December 1990. Nominated for District Urban Design Award. 3 storey structure with commercial on the ground level and residential above. Units are accessed from an elevated walkway.

DECIGON REZONING, Resort Municipality of Whistler planning study and preliminary design for 264 units of market and employee housing.

WHISTLER INTERNATIONAL TENNIS RESORT, Rezoning proposal for 150 housing units and a midrise hotel incorporating a tennis resort on a wooded 80 acre site.

OFFICE INTERIOR, Cairo Investments, \$60,000 office interior renovation with a Yaletown warehouse.

1012 BALFOUR mixed use infill building on a city lot, 60'x110', including 7 apartments and a ground floor professional office, completed 1988.

INDULGENCE \$75,000 interior design for a hair salon and exercise facility.

MIXED USE BUILDING AND 10TH AND HIGHBURY, VANCOUVER

(with Peter Wardle Architect) Located on a corner not in the Point Grey neighborhood, the building including ground level commercial/retail uses, and 2 storey townhouses above, grouped around a central courtyard. Parking and loading was underground.

In conclusion, I have had a very good working relationship with Elliot for these past years, and look forward to having him as a client in the future. If you require further information on our background together please feel free to contact me.

Yours truly,



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