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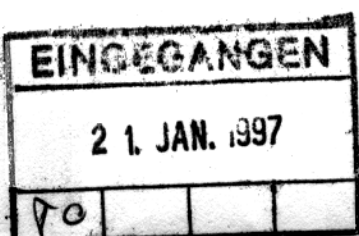
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Re: Reuter/Buhler Arbitration

Dear Mr. Obermeier:

I am writing on behalf of Buhler, as well as Faegre and Benson, to thank you for the excellent job you did as an expert witness in the Reuter arbitration.

In connection with the arbitration, you and others at ITU analyzed the issues relating to the odor problems at the Pembroke Pines facility, and wrote a lengthy report detailing your views on those issues. You then traveled to Minneapolis to testify both in a deposition and subsequently at the arbitration hearing on behalf of Buhler. Your work was thorough and of the highest professional quality. The arbitrators were clearly impressed with your technical expertise, and I thought it was noteworthy that our opponents did not even attempt to cross examine you on the technical aspects of your testimony.

As you know, we achieved a complete victory in the arbitration on behalf of Buhler. We were confronted with a \$34 million claim which the plaintiff invested a great deal of time and effort in trying to establish. We think your testimony and the work of your colleagues were instrumental in helping us achieve a total victory in this lawsuit.

We particularly appreciated your willingness to endure the inconveniences of intercontinental travel to help serve our client. When you arrived in Minneapolis from Berlin the evening before you were to testify in the arbitration, you worked with me long into the night to prepare your testimony and then testified with perfect clarity the following morning, even though you certainly must have been weary from traveling. We very much appreciate your effort on behalf of our client.

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We would certainly recommend your services to any other company looking for an expert witness or any other type of consultant in the field of composting or waste management. Please feel free to use Walter Duffy and me as references with regard to your expert witness work.

Thanks again for all your help, we wish you a happy holiday season and a prosperous new year.

Very truly yours,

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