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To Whom it May Concern:

Re: AXYS Technologies Oceanographic and Meteorological Buoys and Systems in the Chesapeake Bay Interpretive Buoy System

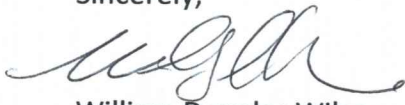
This letter is to confirm that since the program's inception in 2006, AXYS Technologies has been the sole supplier of MetOcean Buoys, TriAXYS wave sensors, and Watchman 500 data and communications controllers for the Chesapeake Bay Interpretive Buoy System (CBIBS). As the first Program Manager and Technical Lead for CBIBS, I recommended the initial selection of AXYS products, acquired them for the system, and I continue to be pleased with their performance and reliability.

The Chesapeake Bay Interpretive Buoy System consists of ten AXYS WatchKeeper buoys located throughout the Chesapeake Bay, continuously reporting real-time oceanographic, biological, water quality, and meteorological data. The system includes and maintains two or more spare buoys, wave sensors, and controllers for maintenance replacement. Data from the WatchMan 500 are transmitted via commercial cellular network and collected using the AXYS DMS software. The DMS software is an extremely reliable and flexible product that meets all the system operational and development needs.

Support from AXYS technical and professional staff has been excellent over the years. The Watchman 500 and AXYS DMS make it very easy to add new sensors and to remotely maintain and reconfigure the systems. The WatchKeeper buoys themselves have survived numerous storms and hurricanes, as well as ship impacts, with little or no damages. In one case where a ship strike split open the hull below the waterline, the buoy remained operational and floating only a few inches lower in the water.

In addition to well-engineered and constructed buoys and controllers, we have been pleased with the performance of the TriAXYS wave sensor. Research reported in Wilson and Siegel (2011, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1109/CWTM.2011.5759533>) proved the exceptional performance and accuracy of the TriAXYS wave sensor in the WatchKeeper buoy. I would be glad to share my experiences with present and prospective customers.

Sincerely,



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