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Attn: MSU Northern
Subject: Testimonial

Dr. Frank Trocki

We would like to take the opportunity to send a short letter regarding the Montana State University, outlining our relationship to your educational institution and, more specifically, ongoing recruitment of very high quality graduates.

Wärtsilä North America is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Wärtsilä Corporation, a global company headquartered in Finland. Wärtsilä Corporation has been in continuous operation since 1834. A leading global ship power supplier, we also provide solutions for decentralized power generation and supporting services for both Power and Marine markets. Wartsila has 160 operations centers located in 70 countries around the globe. We employ over 18,000 individuals worldwide.

Wärtsilä began U.S. business operations in 1979. Today, we employ over 320 individuals in the U.S., fully supporting sales and Service of our products in North America. Headquartered in Houston, Wärtsilä maintains sales and service facilities throughout the U.S., including Seattle, Washington; New Orleans, Louisiana; Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Annapolis, Maryland; Chesapeake, Virginia and Long Beach, California. We also have provide service personnel help our sister companies in Canada and Mexico as needed

During the past few years, Wartsila has worked closely with MSU Northern. The Diesel Technology program has provided 16 new hire personnel, 15 of which remain full time Employees. Many have grown to become our top performers. Three personnel have already achieved the rank of Mechanical Superintendent, leaders who continue to set the bar of excellence within Wartsila. In the past three years we have had seven Montana State Diesel Graduates join our Team in Wartsila. All have excelled and are now operating as Service Engineers, working independently and Leading Jobs on our Customers work sites. This trend for Montana Graduates far exceeds the norm for new personnel joining our Company. We feel



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this is directly attributed to the high Institutional standards, the quality facilities, the outstanding faculty, and of course the young men and women themselves.

We understand MSU is working to improve the facilities to meet the ever increasing burden of instruction necessary to keep pace with advancing Technology. This is essential to meet industry educational requirements, allowing your Students too compete for the best possible positions after graduation. Dual Fuel Diesel engines, running on our abundant natural gas resources, provide a better option for future power requirements than coal or heavy fuel oil. They are much more fuel efficient than large gas turbines and provide operators with the needed flexibility to supply ever changing grid requirements. We are market leaders in EPA approved clean reciprocating power. This growing business, which will require our service cadre to double by 2015, will also require a higher lever of service competence. We fully support this move to improve facilities at MSU. We will continue to work with our partners at Montana State University to hire our Diesel Technicians and Mechanics in the future.

I hope you will accept this testimonial, from the industry that supports your graduates, to attest to the need for continued improvement of the facilities at MSU

Respectfully,

John Kennedy
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