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To whom it may concern:

This is to confirm that Mr Kalino Latu, representing the Ta'angafonua Charitable Trust, has been a customer of Manuka Studios since January 2001. To date he has recorded 13 full productions, with the most recent being "Talita Kumi" and "Kolotemani" – recorded in March/April of 2018.

Mr Latu is very professional in his approach — always well-prepared and punctual. The singers that he brings to the recording sessions are always well-rehearsed and he is meticulous in the production of the vocals, which he personally directs in the studio.

Mr Latu also assists me in the arranging and recording of the backing music – he is very clear about the style and direction that he wants to achieve with his Tongan productions – creating a balance between traditional Tongan music and Western pop influences. He is also a gifted composer in a variety of musical styles.

Mr Latu is always prompt with his payments and has never incurred any debts with Manuka Studios. I have always found him to be upfront and honest in his dealings with me.

In short, Mr Latu is a pleasure to do business with. I have no hesitation in supporting his application for funding to further his contribution to Tongan music in New Zealand.

Sincerely,

Mike McCarthy - Director.