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To whom it may concern

I have personally known Chris Randrup the principle of Randrup Builders for the past 25yrs. Chris over this time has built up a business with reputation for completing building projects on time and to a standard that exceeds not only NZ expectations but now international as well.

During the 25 years I have known Chris; Randrup builders have built four new cowsheds, made large alterations to two residential houses and have also built two commercial buildings for companies owned by the writer.

The very first project Chris completed for us was a 28 aside herringbone Cowshed commissioned in 1992. This was subsequently expanded by Randrup Builders to a 36 aside in 1996. It was then altered again in 2003 to a 50 aside. However this was only the lead in, to a very large scale development at Lichfield where three rotary sheds were required and subsequently built by Chris and his team.

Lichfield Farms Ltd purchased 1100ha of forestry land from Carter Holt Harvey in 2005. This was a large block of land completely covered in mixed aged pine trees. With the goal of turning forest land into productive dairy farming pasture, producing milk as quickly and efficiently as possible. It was decided that two 80 bale and one 50 bale rotaries would be built. Chris was involved with site planning right from the start. As we had contour constraints the layout of the sheds was critical. The rotaries were to incorporate large scale feed pads, in shed feeding systems and large feed storage bunkers designed to hold a variety of animal feed products. This early planning was crucial for accurate finished site levels, cowshed water supplies, flood washing and drainage to effluent ponds, leachate control from storage bunkers as well as provide for the efficient movement on site of cows, farm staff and vehicles, including tankers and supply vehicles. Chris was in control of all the site works, the datum points for all finished site and floor levels and on site storm water to minimize waste water entering the effluent system. This planning and Chris's input with ideas and solutions was instrumental for the future long term smooth running and energy efficiencies we needed to have.

Due to the remote location of the selected cowshed sites all services had to be constructed. This included vehicle access, electricity and water supplies. Chris was onsite and was well underway with construction by using an onsite generator, a rough and dusty metal access track and a very limited and make shift water supply. The conditions were difficult to say the least.

The first 80 bale rotary was completed in July 2006 with the 50 bale completed at the end of August 2006. The sheds were constructed simultaneously with the agreed completion dates being met on time and in budget. Chris has a skilled team of staff that are easy to get on with and where excellent at co-ordinating with all other contractors on site. The Sub- contractors were Waikato Milking Systems Ltd, Qubick Water Supplies Ltd, Span Tech Ltd, Lazer Electrical Ltd and Waikato Rotary Platforms Ltd. Randrup Builders also designed and built the large scale calf rearing sheds. These were located adjacent to the tanker tracks. The third Shed an 80 bale rotary was completed by Randrup Builders using all the same sub-contractors 12 months later.

Working with Chris and his team has been of great benefit to our business. Chris has brought ideas and solutions to many aspects of the construction process and while planning is critical you cannot always plan for everything. Whenever variations were needed these were able to be quantified and agreed with minimum delay or conflict and no loss of productivity was experienced due to variations.

While I have not seen the work Chris has done overseas I do personally know one of the people he has completed a 40 aside herringbone shed for in Wales. This shed was the talk of the district and I know has been a launching pad for Chris in the UK.

I can strongly recommend Randrup Builders for your next cowshed building project. I have always enjoyed working with Chris and his team. His work ethics, staff retention and humour ensure a smooth running project. When you combine this with many years of New Zealand and International experience the result is a quality product that has benefits all the people involved.

Please do not hesitate to call in regards to any aspect of this letter.

Randrup Builders have my strongest recommendations

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Baker', written in a cursive style.

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