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**SUBJECT: Seneca Steel Erectors Inc.**

**RE: Letter of Reference**

**This letter is regarding the professionalism of Seneca Steel Erectors Inc.**

As a professional consultant to the power industry for the installation, operation, and repair of associated systems within the powerhouse environment, I have had the opportunity to work with mechanical contractors internationally over the past twenty years.

I first had the pleasure of working with Mr. Dale Campbell at Boise Cascade, Rumford Main, in 1989. I was soon impressed by several factors. This contractor had the proper tooling available on site to complete the project without delays. It was also rapidly apparent that his crew was well trained, organized, and demonstrated a unique attitude of teamwork and camaraderie.

I spent several weeks checking the accuracy and the equipment installation. During this time, I was impressed with the professionalism of all personnel on the erection crew from the owner to the laborer. Over the past twelve years I have had the opportunity to work with Seneca on more than eighty projects ranging from a two-day preventative maintenance inspection, to a ten-month complete fuel-handling system.

I can safely state that 90% of the Seneca Steel crew that I meet on a stoker repair project today are the same men that I met on the first project twelve years ago. I have never known of an accident occurring on one of Seneca's jobs. The professional work skills and teamwork among his crew, I feel, is the primary reason for his exceptional safety record.

I have never been on a project with Seneca where they have not been invited back for the next project, or offered more work. Seneca Steel has the right tools for the job, and there are sufficient quantities of each for all mechanics.

I am presently a service consultant for Powerhouse Technology; a company that provides replacement parts for the power industry. Seneca Steel is our contractor of choice, and the only contractor we recommend for installation maintenance projects.

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