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### **To Whom It May Concern**

The contract for the Pakan Bridge Painting and Other Work was completed in the late summer of 2010. This 281 m long steel girder bridge over the North Saskatchewan River is owned by the province of Alberta and is located on highway 855 south of Smoky Lake. The project work involved removal of lead based paint and application of a two layer paint system, zinc epoxy primer and urethane topcoat. As project manager, I can say that the project went exceptionally well. Certified Coating Specialists, the Contractor, demonstrated a high dedication to quality and performance in all aspects of the work including project safety, lead containment, waste disposal, surface preparation, and paint application. Surface profiles consistently exceeded project requirements. Stripe coating of edges was done and coating thickness was closely monitored and corrections were made promptly. Minor issues pointed out by our inspectors were dealt with promptly so that they did not develop into problems. As an example of this in the early stages of the project, when the color of the topcoat was being reformulated to match the existing yellow color, a large test section was placed in which the applied paint thickness exceeded the manufacturer's recommendations. While the inspector and owner were still discussing the technical issues related to long term durability, Certified Coating simply removed and re-painted that section. A small amount of extra work was done to replace some corroded girder splice bolts and install some new covers to prevent future corrosion of these bolts. This work was done at the request of our inspectors. Certified Coating's quote was quite fair, and the extra work was handled expeditiously. Although environmental 'bird nesting' issues delayed the startup of the project, the Contractor beefed up his crew and the project was completed early and ahead of schedule. No claims were submitted. In general, this was an exemplary project and a pleasure to be involved in.

Sincerely,

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