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To whom it may concern:

The Ministry of Transportation and Highways, Marine Branch, operate vehicle and passenger ferries on the inland waterways of British Columbia. The Kootenay Lake Ferries operate two certified 40 vehicle capacity vessels on Kootenay Lake.

I have recently contracted a grit blast and epoxy recoating project in corroded void spaces aboard the M.V. Balfour. The project included confined space entry procedures, grit blasting and clean up, followed by epoxy recoating in restricted areas. Safety and environmental concerns, and a requirement to utilize our crew labour as far as possible, required a reputable contractor capable of working under these conditions.

I am pleased to say that Kootenay Powder Coatings Ltd. did an exceptional job for us. The work was carried out in a very professional manner, easily addressing safety and environmental concerns. The quality of work was excellent, completed ahead of schedule and within budget.

I highly recommend Kootenay Powder Coatings Ltd.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "G. Stewart".

Greg Stewart, Senior Marine Engineer