



**Spartanburg**  
**STEEL PRODUCTS, INC.**

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To Whom It May Concern:

This document is to serve as a reference for Artie Perry.

I have known Mr. Perry since 2001 when I became CEO of Spartanburg Steel. We both attended the BMW Supplier Council. SSP was also a supplier to Zeuna Staerker, where Mr. Perry was the Chief Operating Officer. Later, Mr. Perry joined the company Preferred Sourcing. SSP had occasion to use Preferred Sourcing services with good success.

During the fall of 2005, SSP & AH Laepple initiated a Joint Venture and secured Mr. Perry to assist the new company with state and local incentives investigation. This project work was on a very short timetable, and he and his team quickly organized to find a good solution for all parties.

Mr. Perry conducts business in a professional manner. I would not hesitate to engage his services in the future.

Sincerely,



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