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To: Whom it May Concern  
Subject: Professional Recommendation for Basel Abushaban

Since July, 2004, I have served as the U.S. Treasury Department Financial Attaché and the Iraq Reconstruction Management Office Senior Consultant for Financial and Fiscal Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad. I came to Baghdad in November, 2003, as a Senior Banking Advisor for the Coalition Provisional Authority and have known Basel Abushaban since then.

Basel excels at his unique areas of specialization – the organization and execution of large-scale money movements, and providing assistance to (including oversight over) the security of Iraq's most important financial institutions, including the Central Bank, the Ministry of Finance, and the Head Offices of the largest state-owned banks. He accomplishes this work with the utmost of professionalism and good judgment, often applying the most state-of-the-art principles and practices. He is highly reliable and completely trustworthy.

I have turned often to Mr. Abushaban for advice and support in my relationships with top Iraqi officials including the Governor and Deputy Governors of the Central Bank, the Directors General of the Iraqi commercial banks, and the Minister and Deputy Ministers and Directors General of the Ministry of Finance. Thus, Basel has played important roles in supporting the broader missions of my office for the reconstruction of the Iraqi economy and strengthening of its most important financial institutions.

Basel has also helped in a number of law enforcement cases, including investigations into serious cases of corruption and fraud. He has excellent relations with the law enforcement community, as well as with the Iraqi and Coalition military establishments.

Mr. Abushaban is generous with his knowledge and skills, seeking always to build-up the capabilities of the Iraqis with whom he works. As a result of his service in Baghdad, the guard force of the Central Bank has become appreciably more competent, and the facility itself safer and more secure.

Because of the nature of his work handling large amounts of money often in dangerous circumstances, Basel has had to deal with numerous life threatening situations. He performs coolly and professionally in these situations, invariably contributing to the best possible outcomes at all times showing the utmost care for the lives and well being of his colleagues.

I am pleased to give Basel Abushaban my highest recommendation.

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