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To Whom It May Concern:

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Dear Sirs,

Re : **DECC application by Board of Y Morfa Leisure Centre**

I write both as a former resident of Kinmel Bay during the horrific floods of 1990 and also as the CEO of the largest structural steel fabricator in North Wales. Based within the heart of Kinmel Bay but operating throughout the UK including the Isle of Man. Our most prestigious project to date being the fabrication and erection of the structural steelwork for Hafod Eryri (The Snowdon Summit Building) which received a Merit award in the prestigious 2009 Structural Steel Design Awards.

Since the Companies inception in the early 1980's we have enjoyed a continued and controlled expansion. In more recent year's considerable investments have been made in state of the art technology, namely 3D modeling and detailing systems and fully automated CNC processing equipment. Direct links through our management information system streamlines the fabrication process by providing a seamless interaction between departments, Suppliers and Clients.

Our current direct labour workforce is in excess of 50 with approximately 60% being drawn from the locality. Our subcontract labour numbers are slightly smaller but again many of them are based locally.

We successfully achieved full Investors in People accreditation on 16th October 2008. Investors in People is the national standard which sets a level of good practice for the training and development of people to achieve business goals. The standard also provides a national framework for improving business performance and competitiveness, through a planned approach to setting and communicating business objectives and developing people to meet these objectives. The result is that what people can do, and what are motivated to do, matches what the organisation can do.

Sustainability is rapidly moving up the agenda as a procurement issue. Increasingly construction clients are looking for sustainable forms of construction and for companies which operate in a "sustainable" manner. Steel is being promoted to clients, specifiers and designers as a more sustainable form of construction than concrete, e.g. it is recyclable, fabricated offsite, safer to erect, etc. In order to complement this, there was a need to establish a mechanism for clients, specifiers and designers to be

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able to determine what a "sustainable steel construction company" is and how to identify such companies. This has resulted in the Steel Construction Sustainability Charter. Companies signing up to the Charter are required to complete a Sustainability Application Form and undergo a new sustainability audit. Companies awarded Charter Status in 3 levels - Member, Silver Member, Gold Member.

We are delighted to say that EvadX was successfully audited and achieved Gold member status in December 2007.

Our intended major expansion plans have been temporarily put on hold due to the decline of orders from our biggest source of work, the construction sector. Unfortunately, we will continue to feel the effects of this over the next year. However we have done our best to take a balanced approach to this challenge, with the goal of maintaining the Companies strength and vitality through this difficult period. Getting this far required for us all to come together and work as a team, to deal with the many challenges we faced and will still encounter in the new year.

Although we did not attend the recent Wales Council for Voluntary Action conference on climate change with Dr Anderson and Mr Bill Darwin, we have been made fully aware of the content.

In conclusion I have no hesitation in endorsing this application and wish the project well and would be most willing to help in any way possible.

Yours sincerely
Evadx Limited.

Richard T Adams