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Reference Letter for Ms. Rahaf Abu Hara

To whom it may concern,

I first met Rahaf Abu Hara in the context of my role as Manager for the MENA Region for the MATE ROV Competition. My company has been working with the MATE ROV competition for some time, launching the program in the United Arab Emirates and we are now supporting the growth of the program throughout the region. Rahaf reached out to us in early 2020 to find out more about participating as a university team in the competition, and then later to discuss how to grow the competition in her home country of Jordan.

I have been very impressed with Rahaf and what she has been able to accomplish. I often hear from the academic mentors for interested teams, but Rahaf was confident about representing her team and their interests as the team-leader. She is a self-starter; when the team struggled to get funding, she applied and won a grant to build their ROV. She consistently advocates for her team, detailing how they work together and break tasks down among them.

Rahaf has also been investing back into her community, discussing options with me for how to launch their own regional competition in Jordan and how her team could be involved as they have been mentoring younger students on ROV technology. She has an entrepreneurial spirit and investigates opportunities that don't just raise her standing, but also contributes to the success of her peers and the students in her community.

I think her portfolio speaks for itself, so I would like to attest to her character; she is driven, compassionate, ambitious, eager to learn and easy to work with. When describing an engineering challenge or funding issue, she maintains a positive attitude and keeps tinkering with the problem without giving up. She knows how to ask for help and how to push herself to find solutions on her own – a great combination in a budding engineer.

Rahaf would greatly benefit from a mentor who would help her continue developing her skills, and she was very specific when choosing to apply to the IFRoS program. I hope you recognize her potential and offer her the opportunity to study at your program. If there are any additional questions that you have, I encourage you to contact me directly and I will be happy to answer them.

Best wishes,



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