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Recommendation Letter to support Mr. Divine Okeke's application for a Skoltech PhD position in the Engineering Systems program

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to offer my support to **Mr. Divine Okeke** (hereafter Divine) for his application for a PhD position in the Skoltech Engineering Systems PhD program.

Divine is a 2nd-year Energy Systems Master student who joined Skoltech in January 2022 because of the constraints related to the pandemic. I met him first informally during his industrial immersion one year ago, and later during the Innovation Workshop 2022. He attended my 6-credit course Fundamentals of Energy Conversion Physics and Technology during Term 2 of the academic year 2022-2023. So, this is in the capacity of teacher that I know Divine.

Divine is an ambitious student who has shown a lot of motivation to do well in my course though his background was not in thermodynamics and thermal engineering. He was committed to do well. He proved to be a serious student, willing to actively participate during class and preparing his homework assignments in earnest. His efforts led him to get a grade B, which reflects very well on his intellectual abilities, not only because getting a grade A is rather rare, but also because he did better than several fellow students who had a better-suited training and background for my course. Divine also has done very well at other courses earning a majority of A grades. Further, he was keen to do much research, notably on real-time simulators for microgrids under the supervision of our colleague Prof. Ibanez, and he told me how much he enjoys this given his interest in power systems.

Importantly, Divine's behaviour with me and among his peers shows very good character and manners. I sincerely believe that Divine Okeke is an able student, and given his chosen research field for his doctoral studies, that he has the potential to make valuable contributions in power electronics. I am sure that he will spare no effort to work hard and well to be successful in our Engineering Systems doctoral program.

Sincerely,

Prof. Henni Ouerdane

Moscow, July 3, 2023

