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To Whom it may concern

**Confidential Reference: Ms Samane Faramehr**  
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Ms Faramehr has successfully completed the undergraduate Master of Engineering degree in Civil Engineering at the University of Birmingham. I am the final year director of studies for the programme and have examined her final year research project. I have known Ms Faramehr for 2 years during her course.

Samane (Sam) is an excellent student who is extremely academically adept, placed joint 6<sup>th</sup> in her graduating class, narrowly missing out on a first class honours degree, possibly because of an unfortunate illness during her January exams causing her to fail a module. Sam did achieve an excellent mark in her final year dissertation, which was the joint 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in the class and has shown her excellent potential to undertake a research degree project.

I have found Sam to be absolutely reliable, punctual and keen to engage with both teaching and research material. Sam has also shown that she enjoys, and is very capable of, learning new techniques, software and skills in undertaking her research project. Sam has demonstrated excellent academic potential, is self-motivated, independent, conscientious and has a passion for academic study and research. In particular, Sam has shown an interest and ability in geotechnical and structural engineering.

I believe Sam would make an excellent graduate student and have absolutely no hesitation whatsoever in recommending her.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely

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