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To: M.C. Gloria Irene Carmona Chit Directora del Instituto Tecnológico de Toluca

Re: Recommendation of Francisco Román Peña de la Rosa for financial support for his Programa Delfín internship at the University of Victoria, June 24th - August 9th 2013

I am writing to recommend Mr. Francisco Román Peña de la Rosa for financial support from the Instituto Tecnológico de Toluca for his Programa Delfín internship in my Assistive Robotics and Mechatronics Laboratory (ARM Lab) at the University of Victoria.

During his internship in my lab, Francisco will develop a system for the haptic rendering of the acceleration a particle with pre-specified motion. Given his skills as outlined in his curriculum vitae and the keen interest he has shown for the project, I look forward to working with Francisco this summer. I am particularly happy with Francisco's experience with haptic systems and with the fact that he has researched freeware physical simulation engines in advance to arriving at UVic and starting his Programa Delfín internship. His academic and programming skills, his research initiative and his commitment to the project indicate that Francisco already has several important research competencies. Therefore, I recommend that the Instituto Tecnológico de Toluca encourages and sustains Francisco to develop his research abilities further by supporting his Programa Delfín internship financially.

Francisco's research competencies also indicate that he could contribute to our research meaningfully even over the short period of his visit. I will be keen to observe his abilities directly because I may recruit a M.A.Sc. student next year pending the approval of a collaborative project with a Victoria-based company interested in our force control expertise for their semiconductor layout technology. If Francisco's abilities are a good match for the company's needs and the collaboration proposal is successful, I would be happy to offer Francisco a M.A.Sc. graduate research position in my lab.

Should you have any questions regarding the projects, the supervision, the ARM Lab or the University of Victoria, feel free to contact me anytime at danielac@me.uvic.ca or 1.250.721.6040.

Sincerely,

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