

Huinay, 10/11/06

Ref: Work reference for David G. Thompson MSc.

To whom it may concern.

During the period 1st of December 2005 and the 30th of November 2006, David Thompson was employed by the Fundacion Huinay as scientific and technical assistant. His duties included, but were not limited to;

- Assisting the scientific directors and representing them in their absence towards scientific and non-scientific visitors and local inhabitants as well as fishermen
- Helping visiting scientists with their projects, including the collection of samples
- Relaxing and fixing samples in various preservatives and arranging the transportation (export) to foreign universities
- On the spot contact person for visiting scientists: correspondence with said scientists before, during and after their stay to arrange the logistics of their projects; supervision of the observance of the station rules
- Maintenance of diving equipment and tank filling
- Logistical support of all diving activities
- Entering data from projects into the foundations database (Endnote, EaSY,..)
- Keeping track and updating of visitor and publication lists, running projects, collected samples, and the execution of the yearly plan
- Supervision of interns
- Maintenance of office computer equipment
- Representing the contact person for companies, purchasing of equipment and the logistical organisation of imported equipment
- Driving dive boats
- Installation of mooring buoys
- Mapping of dive sites and sampling sites in mapping software
- Construction of equipment for sampling
- Carrying out of field work for a coral growth project including *in situ* calcein staining
- Underwater photography of collected samples
- Analysis of photographic transects
- Monthly summary of scientific activity and costs
- Organisation of boat trips
- Monitoring of illegal fishing activities in the protected area

David adapted outstandingly fast to the new working environment at the station and fulfilled his tasks with dedication and circumspection. During his stay here David was very hard working showing creativity, initiative, self motivation and team spirit and was liked and respected by both his fellow colleagues and the locals. He was

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working very independent, thorough and responsible and I felt good leaving the station to his care during my frequent absence.

He leaves us at the end of his contract, which was limited to 1 year due to company policy and we are sad to see him leave.

We wish him success in his future work and would strongly recommend him to any future employers.

Sincerely,



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