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Dear Sirs

I am writing to you on behalf of my colleague and co-author, Professor Duarte Trigueiros.

I have worked with Professor Trigueiros regularly during the past ten years, on teaching schemes in Lisbon and Macau and on collaborative research projects in these locations and here in Bangor. The research partnership has proved to be particularly successful, as we published the first results of our work in a leading international scientific journal in 2002. This is just one of many research publications by Professor Trigueiros that advance knowledge on the basic properties of corporate financial indicators, and he has established a reputation for outstanding research that combines a command of different modelling approaches with a profound understanding of corporate behaviour. From personal experience, I am aware of his high standards, which drive him to be meticulous about the validity of his research results and to ensure that his published work is easily understood by the readers. I should add that this is confirmed by the fact that he is well respected by journal editors, and his views on journal submissions in related areas are often sought.

Duarte Trigueiros has been an Associate Professor since 1996, in universities in the Algarve and in Macau, and before that was a lecturer at ISTCE, the well respected business School in Lisbon. His teaching experience covers a broad range of subjects, including information systems, finance, accounting and statistics. He brings together his knowledge of engineering together with his research training in accounting, finance and statistics very successfully in this respect, and his courses are well appreciated by his students, as I can confirm through personal involvement as a guest speaker and examiner.

His earlier background in nuclear energy and electricity production companies provides Professor Trigueiros with considerable insight into the application of business studies, and this wealth of experience means that he is a rare academic who is able to bridge the gap between theory and application in a way that is appreciated immediately by students and practitioners. For these reasons, I strongly recommend Professor Duarte Trigueiros to you as a member of your academic staff.

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Director of Research