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**Re: Carter Affiliates, Inc. Letter of Reference**

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known and worked with Richard and Lois Carter of Carter Affiliates (CARE) now for nearly 15 years. While I have been associated with a number of different companies during that period myself, one thing that has always remained consistent has been CARE's overriding consideration for our (my employers) environmental compliance, financial success and community standing, as their client.

While the aforementioned services are usually enough for most companies, CARE has always gone beyond this by understanding our need to not only be compliant with the law, but to also be a good corporate citizen and to "do the right thing" from an environmental standpoint. When dealing with complex environmental conundrums, Richard's broad pallet of experience and wealth of resources, paired with his boundless creativity and energy, have yielded solutions that are simultaneously successful and affordable. Richard has oftentimes assisted us with projects that afforded his business no direct financial gain, yet were the best option for us as his valued customer. CARE's commitment has allowed our company to reduce our waste, reduce our costs, remain in compliance and feel good about how we've managed our environmental issues. All these things, of course, as an environmental manager, have made my job infinitely easier.

It is for these reasons, and so many more, that I give my highest recommendation to Richard and Lois Carter and their company, Carter Affiliates, Inc. Their tireless concern for our company's (and my personal) well-being have made them career-long business associates and will certainly make them lifelong friends as well. You'll never regret availing yourself of their services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Glasston".

James Glasston, REM  
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