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To whom it may concern

I, Prideel Majiedt, highly recommend Kirsty McQuaid in support of her application for a Summer Internship at the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute. As the Marine Projects Officer at SANBI I have worked with her closely during the time she has been based within the SANBI Marine Programme.

Kirsty has a high level of initiative and is more than capable of working independently. She is constructive, optimistic and very hardworking. She requires very little supervision and has proven herself to be a conscientious and trustworthy team member. She is timeous and able to complete tasks within set deadlines, and has demonstrated capacity to produce under pressure.

Kirsty has shown that she is capable of completing very technical tasks and has been a key member in our species red-listing team. She has also shown that she is able to understand the science-policy continuum and has participated in stakeholder engagements with the South African oil and gas industry. Kirsty is passionate about deep sea research and would benefit greatly from this opportunity to further her experience in this field.

I am happy to provide any further information where necessary. I am available by telephone at 021 799 8826 or 079 506 0586; alternatively by e-mail at [p.majiedt@sanbi.org.za](mailto:p.majiedt@sanbi.org.za).

Yours sincerely



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