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An Architectural Joint Venture

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To Whom It May Concern:

Jerry L. Watts & Associates, LLC and Julian T. White, Architect, both located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana searched nation wide for a masonry consultant who was knowledgeable in historic building preservation and restoration of masonry structures utilizing terra cotta and brick manufactured between 1880 and 1930.

Our search located deGruchy Masonry owned and operated by Andrew deGruchy. Andrew was retained as a masonry consultant for the Watts/White joint venture project to determine the mortar type and moisture conditions in a high school building erected in 1927. Mr. deGruchy was very professional in his analysis and testing techniques. Samples were obtained and sent to a laboratory in Scotland for analysis. Our client and our firms were all very pleased with the knowledge and expertise brought to the project by deGruchy. With his assistance, we learned that several attempts by others over the last 40 years to waterproof the structure had used incorrect methods and were actually causing deterioration to the mortar, brick and terra cotta.

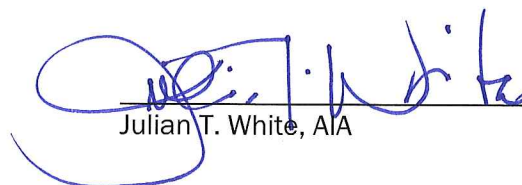
We highly recommend Andrew deGruchy as a consultant with the ability to correctly direct historic or traditional masonry structure assessment, to recommend necessary analytical testing, to specify corrective work procedures/materials/tools and to provide for the demonstration of proper methods and tools needed for implementation of a successful project.

If you need additional information concerning Mr. deGruchy, please feel free to contact Jerry Watts at 225-205-5050 or Julian White at 225-927-3696.

Sincerely,



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