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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

**Re: Jon Crossley, Burrow & Crowe Chartered Accountants & Business Advisers**

I was recently referred by Simon Blake to a client who required advice with respect to her interest in a retail company. She was one of five director/shareholders and it was clear that the relationships between the majority and minority shareholders had deteriorated to such an extent that a parting of the ways was desirable, if not essential.

It was key to any solution to understand the company's current financial position and to secure a valuation of the company for the purpose of making an offer for the minority shareholders' interests in the Company.

Having discussed the issues with the client, I suggested that Jon Crossley be asked to carry out a review of the company's position and to provide the valuation of the shares.

Jon provided his opinion very quickly and gave focussed advice on the trading position of the company and the value of the shares. The client was delighted with Jon's prompt and helpful advice. Based on that advice a proposal formulated by myself and Simon Blake was put to the minority shareholders which, with only minor modifications, was accepted.

Without Jon's assistance the process of resolving the issues between the company's owners would have been far more protracted and costly. It follows that I would have no hesitation in recommending Jon and Burrow & Crowe to anyone looking for timely, focussed and cost-effective business accounting advice.

**Paul Brook.**

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