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## DECLARATION

To whom it may concern:

Dr. Konstantinos Megalooikonomou has worked as a young researcher in our Department of Structural Engineering and Geotechnics at the Università di Roma La Sapienza, Italy, for the period from October 2006 to July 2007, where he was involved in research activities related to the development of a model for square concrete sections confined by FRP (Fiber Reinforced Polymers). In that period I have been tutoring him for his Master's degree thesis at ROSE School, whose course of studies he has brilliantly completed in July 2007.

In carrying out the above activity, Dr. Megalooikonomou has shown appreciable capacity of collaborating in a research group, with remarkable qualities of intellectual independence. He has worked with extreme dedication, and demonstrating the capacity of coping with new concepts and of deepening them. He has shown good skill in dealing with advanced constitutive laws, in understanding the basic concepts of non-uniform confinement, and in using both analytical and numerical tools.

He has also shown good disposition towards collaborating with other students working on similar subjects, and in the discussions he has always brought in his personal contributions, thus showing to be a person eager to learn and ready to discuss his own views.

Overall, I consider Dr. Megalooikonomou as a promising doctoral student, as confirmed by his curriculum, and I certainly support his candidacy for your program of graduate studies.

Roma, 18-07-2008

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Giorgio Monti', written over a circular stamp.

prof. ing. Giorgio Monti  
(Professor of Structural Engineering)