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To whom it may concern,

Prior to my present assignment with our affiliate, Caltex Corporation, my position was Manager of Western Operations, Asphalt Division, Chevron Corporation.

This position had the responsibility for our asphalt refineries (2) and our asphalt terminals (7) in the western half of the United States, specifically the operation and maintenance of the plants, as well as engineering and construction of facilities, when required.

During my tenure, Bath Engineering was retained for design and construction work on several projects, including design of a grass roots hot asphalt terminal, and design and construction of an insulated, heated, marine cargo receipt line approximately 0.8 miles in length. Later, when I came to Asia, we chose Bath to consult on a 7 Km. asphalt pipeline at a Caltex Refinery in Thailand, largely on the strength of their earlier work for Chevron.

Bath's work for us, be it design, engineering or construction supervision, was professional, workmanlike, on time, on budget and satisfactory in all respects. All facilities constructed have been in operation for 5+ years without any evidence of design or construction fault.

Typically the facilities and pipelines operate at 300-350 degrees F and under normal positive displacement pumping pressure.

Given the quality of their previous work for us, I would not hesitate to retain Bath again, nor would I hesitate to recommend Bath for use by others.

Sincerely,

Frank Schafer  
General Director  
CBVL

