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To whom it may concern

The South Australian Broadband Research & Education Network (SABRENet) is a fibre-optic broadband network linking major Research & Education sites in metropolitan Adelaide, South Australia. SABRENet Ltd is a non-profit company formed by the SABRENet Members to build, own and operate SABRENet.

The SABRENet project partners engaged Sinclair Knight Merz (SKM) in 2004 as project managers for the design, tender and construction of SABRENet. In November 2005 SABRENet Ltd engaged Amcom Telecommunications Pty Ltd to construct SABRENet over a thirteen-month period to December 2006. SKM acted as construction superintendent under the contract, which was based on the AS-4902 standard Design & Construct contract.

Andy Kitchin joined SKM in March 2006, whereupon he took on the superintendency of the SABRENet construction, and performed that role to Practical Completion in December 2006, and since then in a post-completion role overseeing finalisation of outstanding variations and documentation. Andy was responsible for the overall carriage and oversight of the project, including OH&S and technical audit, payment certification and general coordination. The project entailed installation of 90km of underground conduit and cable spanning the Adelaide metropolitan area, and presented numerous challenges.

Andy has, in my view, performed an outstanding job as contract superintendent. That construction was completed on time and slightly under budget is due in no small part to his contribution. I would recommend Andy without hesitation to perform a similar role, and have no doubt that he is equal to far more challenging tasks that we were able to throw at him.

James Tizard  
Chief Executive