

To Whom It May Concern:

Steve Ekquist was employed by Angstrom, Inc. on January 9, 2006 initially as a bench technician, then later as a field service engineer until his lay-off on December 5, 2008.

Steve's most recent responsibilities included preventive maintenance, on-site installation, diagnosis and repair of our primary product, arc-spark spectrometers. At the time of his lay-off, he was being trained in the areas of electronic circuitry, software, optical adjustment and calibration of these highly complex instruments. He performed all assigned duties with skill and attention to detail. He acquired metallurgical knowledge as a by-product of his training on this instrumentation.

Steve was required to travel on a regular basis to all points within the United States, making his own travel arrangements and scheduling directly with our customers.

Steve's assembly work prior to field service training included circuit board assembly and assembly, then crating of our secondary product lines, pulverizers and hydraulic presses. This equipment can be viewed on our website, www.angstrom-inc.com. Assembly of this equipment required the use of block and tackle, forklift trucks, large torque wrenches, welding equipment, saws and nail guns.

Steve was respected by his supervisors, fellow employees and interacted well with our customers. His lay-off was due to recent economic challenges we have faced in our unique target markets and was completely unrelated to his job performance. If our business lost were to be regained, I would rehire him immediately.

If you are considering hiring Steve, please contact me directly for a more detailed reference. I would not want to see such a capable individual idle for any length of time.

Yours truly,



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