## COLOMBIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

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Re: a letter of reference and recommendation of the not-for-profit, non-governmental organization (NGO), 501(c)(3), scientific, educational, economic, and medical foundation FUNCASOL USA; 87 Lakeview Court, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey 07442-1468, USA; Tel: (973) 206-0473; Fax: 866-476-0426; Email: mquintero@funcasolinternacional.com

## To Whom It May Concern:

Before referencing and recommending to you the foundation FUNCASOL USA, permit me to acquaint you with our organization.

The objectives of the Colombian American Association, which was founded in 1927, are to promote greater knowledge and understanding of today's Colombia, to disseminate up-to-date information on economic, financial, and political matters of concern to the business and financial community and to investors, and to promote commercial and cultural relations and good will among the people of the two nations.

The Association accomplishes these objectives by bringing together Colombian and U.S. business people, government officials, and individuals at a variety of programs featuring important guest speakers from the public and private sectors. Recent speakers have included heads of state, key cabinet ministers, ambassadors, corporation presidents, and other experts.

Ms. Martha Quintero Insignares, President of FUNCASOL USA, has been a member of the Colombian American Association since December, 2002. She has been a frequent attendee of our business conferences.

At the suggestion and due to the efforts of Ms. Quintero, the President of the Association of Mayors of Valle del Cauca, Colombia, was the guest speaker at one of the Association's meetings in 2008. As a result, multiple table-top meetings took place between the president, on one hand, and private investors and public dignitaries, on the other, for the purpose of bringing trade and commerce, employment and enterprise to the region and people of Valle del Cauca.

The foundation FUNCASOL USA identifies the socio-economic-political needs of deserving Colombian communities, facilitating their introduction to public and private North American and

European contributors and investors. It arranges for donations and investment to those impoverished communities and is a reliable, cost-effective conduit through which capital may pass from those who 'have' to those who 'have not.'

I am pleased to recommend FUNCASOL USA. Its practices in the field and on the ground selflessly provide food and clothing, shelter and jobs, health and education to the most underprivileged of Colombia's people. Its corporate policies are financially sound, economically targeted to the poor, and its resources are dispersed regardless of race, religion, or genderalthough women and children are among its foremost priorities.

Sincerely,

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Corporate Secretary

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