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To whom it may concern

Shawn Alastair Godwin – Founder and owner, Base Architecture

I first worked with Shawn at Mirvac's Cutters Landing Development, New Farm, in 2001. I was a Site Manager for Mirvac and had been appointed to this project. The development was at the old CSR sugar refinery site and the product was going to change the face of luxury apartment design in Brisbane.

Shawn was the quiet achiever in a large design team at HPA Architects, Mirvac's in house design section, later to be called Mirvac Design. Mirvac design teams were typically top heavy with Architects that could do the big picture, but little else. Fortunately, every project design team seemed to have the 1 "star" that carried everyone else and ensured a successful delivery. Cutter's Landing had Shawn.

He was a very hard working Architect with incredible attention to detail, and best of all, could relate with the construction side of the business, something that the greater percentage of Architects cannot do. He would discuss design and detail options before finalisation and always seemed to get it to work delivering the result keeping all sides happy.

Shawn had a very successful career at Mirvac and left his mark on many projects. It was a shock to many in the company when he announced he was leaving to start his own practise, but they all agreed that he would be a success and were universally happy for him.

Base quickly set its mark on Brisbane architecture and grew quickly. Shawn proved that he had all the ingredients of success, focus, drive, skills, adaptability and most importantly, a friendly approach and respect.

When it came to appointing an Architect to do my private work, there was only one Architect I went to, Shawn . He has proven with my development, along with numerous others, that he has a business that can deliver. He works hard to have all stake holders adequately informed, can solve problems quickly and meets budgets.

He has a wonderful business, staff who return the respect and honesty he shows them, clients that are satisfied with outstanding results and best of all, a lovely family that support him.

I have no hesitation in helping with the proposal to nominate Shawn for the Young Business Person of the year award, which without reading its charter, would just be a description of how Shawn carries out his day to day activities.

Yours Sincerely

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