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**Prof. Jeferey Roesler**

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Dear Prof. Roesler

It is my great pleasure to recommend Prof. José Tadeu Balbo to be a Visiting Scholar at the Department of Civil Engineering of the University of Illinois. Prof. Balbo is my colleague at the University of São Paulo and my friend. I have known Prof. Balbo for more than 20 years, and I have had the pleasure of working and interacting with him on research, academic and personal matters since then.

Prof. Balbo is the more recognized expert in Concrete Pavements in Brazil. He has deep expertise in structural analysis of pavements, materials, performance evaluation modeling and experimental pavements field instrumentation.

Prof. Balbo also is the author of the academic best book in Portuguese about Pavements, which is new, published in 2007, and already is adopted in the main Engineering best Schools in Brazil.

In the past twenty years, Prof. Balbo has been actively doing quality research, publishing more than one hundred articles in Brazilian Congress and twenty in International Congress. He has also, international experiences doing research and visiting research centers in Europe, Africa and United States. He has been very often invited as Pavement Consultant in significant Brazilians projects.

Prof. Balbo is great Congress, meetings and workshops organizer, working in successful bridge between ISCP and Brazilian Concrete Institute IBRACON, which is the most and representative concrete institution in Brazil.

Your work on concrete pavement is outstanding and Prof. Balbo has a fine qualification as a researcher, engineer and educator. Also he has strong discipline and initiative to reach his target. I could use many other adjectives to describe Prof. Balbo but it's important to say that he is culturally flexible, good colleague and team worker.

With the above consideration, I strongly endorse the appointment of Prof. Balbo as a Visiting Scholar at the University of Illinois to work in the concrete pavements research.

Sincerely yours,

**Paulo Helene**

*PhD, Full Professor, University of São Paulo  
Brazilian Concrete Institute past President, actual Vice-President*

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