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To whom it may concern:

As the Coordinator of Physical Sciences and Engineering of the National Science Centre I declare that **Václav Uruba (Institute of Thermomechanics of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic)** in the years 2019-2023 has served as the Expert Panel Member 6 times, in the following calls: Opus 18 together with Preludium Bis 1, Opus 19 (2020), Preludium 21 (2022), Preludium 22, Preludium Bis 5 (2023), Opus 27 (2024). The Expert Panel evaluates grant applications in related field of expertise. The selection of Experts is based on their expertise and recognition in the field. Václav Uruba was responsible for evaluation of proposals submitted to ST8 topical panel, i.e. Production and processes engineering.

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Yours faithfully,

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