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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I write with pleasure this reference letter for **Mr. N. Madhavan**. My contact with Mr. Madhavan goes back to the year 1995 when he joined the School of Environmental Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi to do his project work as well his PhD in Environmental Sciences. Starting with his early academic program in Geology, Mr. Madhavan has branched out into very many interesting and emerging areas of science relating to Environmental Sciences, Hydrology and Environmental Management. He has adopted a variety of methods and systems involving modern sophisticated analytical instruments (AAS, Ion Chromatography etc.) as well as techniques such as Geographical Information System (GIS). In addition, he obtained good working experience in computer and Statistical applications.

While developing his area of interest, Madhavan has shown considerable talents in relating his research interests to location specific problems. Consequently, a number of his studies have been valuable source of information and reference to planners and policy makers in the area of Water Quality Management. Mr. Madhavan has published a few research papers in National Journals as well as participated and presented papers in couple of Conferences. Based on my familiarity with a large number of scholars in India, I would rank Mr. Madhavan within the top 20% of scientific researcher. I strongly recommend his candidature for this position in your research unit.


(R. Ramesh) 27/9/2001