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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to confirm that Assistant Professor Dr Mustafa Erkan Özgür was granted funding by the European Commission Horizon 2020 programme AquaExcel2020 on the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Assistant Professor Dr Mustafa Erkan Özgür is the principal investigator of the AquaExcel2020 project titled '**AE110018: Different application strategies of salmon gonadoliberin analogue (sGnRHa) to improve sperm quality in RAS-reared pikeperch (*Sander lucioperca*)**'.

This project will be carried out at the project partner, the National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre (NAIK), Research Institute for Fisheries, Aquaculture and Irrigation (HAKI), Indoor System for Fish Disease Challenge (SDC), Szarvas, Hungary between the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

The project will involve a team of additional scientists as listed:

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Yours sincerely,

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