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Santee Cooper
PO Box 2946101
Monks, Corner, SC 29461-2901
Attn: Ms. Debra Nelson

Re: Clear-Con, LLC

Dear Ms. Nelson:

Please accept this reference letter acknowledging Mr. Tommy Davis' ability as President of Clear-Con, LLC. Tommy, with his employees and equipment, cleared several projects for me in my duties as Vice President of A. O. Hardee and Son, Inc. Tommy cleared and grubbed the right of way for 17 miles of the Carolina Bays Parkway beginning at Hwy. 9 going South to The Grissom Parkway Interchange and then to 48th Ave. North in Myrtle Beach, SC. This project started with 650 acres right of way to clear and ended with Tommy clearing an additional 320 acres of borrow pits because we were so pleased with his management skills, his organizational skills, and his staff and equipment. The project began with a rigorous demand on the clearing schedule because we needed to clear a pit to excavate materials from, clear right of way to allow us areas to place fill material, and we needed bridge abutments cleared so bridge crews could begin bridge work. Tommy performed these tasks with exceptional quality and efficiency.

Tommy also cleared several other projects for us between February 2000 and September 2003. The various projects required a variety of demands because some project debris could be burned onsite, others required use of an air curtain in order to burn while other projects required contractors to grind clearing debris. Clear-Con, LLC managed whatever task projects required to meet project schedules and project specification demands.

I would highly recommend Clear-Con, LLC and Tommy Davis for any clearing demands Santee Cooper may have.

If you desire additional information concerning Clear-Con, LLC's abilities do not hesitate to contact me at (843) 399-3248 at your convenience.

May God bless you!

Jimmy D. Bell
Vice President
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