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To whom it may concern

Don Butler and I worked together for 9 months on the Panpac Forest Products Ltd rebuild following the Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Cyclone Gabrielle flooding event which devastated the site at Whirinaki, Hawke Bay. Approximately 1.8m of water and silt covered the site, damaging approx. 95-99% of the electrical infrastructure including control systems across the whole business.

Don worked as an Electrical sub-contractor for Proton Electrical Ltd, who were engaged to rectify the water damage principally to the Utilities department of Panpac. This department encompassed the Chipmill, Boiler 1, Boiler 2, Primary Wastewater and Secondary Wastewater.

I was employed through Wells Group as a Completions/Commissioning lead with mostly Panpac Employees to oversee the Staged Recovery program. This entailed carrying out Static and Dynamic Checks against all flood and non-flood damaged electrical/control equipment, producing Livening documentation for approval from third party engineers, livening and commissioning the areas.

From this work I observed the level of detail Don carried out through his work. Don was tasked with the most complicated areas of the recovery work including Bailey and DeltaV DCS control systems rebuilds. His understanding of technical drawings and manuals would be some of the highest I have seen throughout my career.

At the other end of the scale of electrical tasks (wiring, conduiting, terminations), Don has extremely high standards of workmanship which he led improving other Proton team members.

I would have no problem recommending Don for any level of Electrical work as I believe he is a all-round professional electrician with experience and skill.

If you would like additional information about Don, you can telephone me at 029 2815253

Sincerely,

Paul Verry

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