



Engineering Undergraduate Society

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To whom it may concern:

The Engineering Undergraduate Society is composed of an active engineering student body at the University of British Columbia – Okanagan Campus. As a society, we work with our community on a variety of charity and professional events and pride ourselves as an important part of our University and Okanagan identity. A symbol of our student body is represented by our free-standing, red, concrete “E” that can be seen as visitors pass by our newly built Engineering Management Education (EME) building. Last summer, this important structure was vandalized and incurred significant damage. We consulted the services of Mr. Bill Gottschalk and the Okanagan Concrete Services to repair the structure.

Mr. Gottschalk was approached in August 2011 based on his past concrete work experience in the Okanagan. He was polite, friendly and very approachable. Our structure had chunks of concrete missing that left internal rebar exposed. Rather than blindly mixing concrete and applying it to the structure in an attempt to repair it, Mr. Gottschalk’s advice had provided a more sustainable solution to the concrete structure that would ensure the repair job would not fail in subsequent years. He not only thoroughly explained the process to our engineering students on how concrete should be prepared, the materials required, and the curing times; he took time out of his busy schedule to repair the structure himself. He provided contact information for receiving the best materials for the job and explained the chemical properties that made them exceptional. Throughout the repair process, Mr. Gottschalk was easily reachable, and always had a polite, positive attitude. He performed the work out of kindness as a community activist, and there is no question he is able to deliver professional results.

We fully and whole heartedly recommend Mr. Gottschalk and the Okanagan Concrete Specialists for any professional concrete work.

The University campus is an important part of our Okanagan identity, and the concrete “E” represents our engineering student body. It now represents the philanthropic identity and community oriented nature of Okanagan citizens. We wish Mr. Gottschalk and his team the very best for the future.

With confidence,

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