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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to endorse Texas A&M University's partnership with Terrabon for one innovation credit in the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS) managed by AASHE. The project is an effective process to convert pre- and post-consumer food wastes from TAMU's Sbisa Dining Hall (the second largest in the United States) to value-added fuels and chemicals in a demonstration plant (5 ton/day) owned by Terrabon in Bryan, TX. This novel project is on the cutting-edge of biorefining technologies and goes above and beyond normal operations of the University. The technology is also more advanced and provides higher value than simple composting or biogas operations. The Terrabon demonstration plant is the only plant of its kind in the world. As a result of the success of the process, there are plans to construct and operate the first commercial plant (220 ton/day) in 2012. The project contributes to sustainability by reducing waste disposal, producing a clean source of fuels, and reducing the emission of greenhouse gases.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mahmoud El-Halwagi'.

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