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TO: NASA Ames Research Center
MS 269-4/Peter B. Tran, Technical Monitor

FROM: Associate Administrator, Space Technology Mission Directorate

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation for Alexander Van Dijk

Alexander Van Dijk has made exemplary contributions in support of the Space Technology Mission Directorate (STMD) Flight Opportunities (FO) program office. Alexander prepared the FY2013 annual report on FO activities and set a new standard for STMD congressional and public outreach. The report has been well received across the commercial, academic, government, and public audiences. Notable accolades included praise from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on the quality of content and its alignment with Administration policy. OMB summarized that the "report is a hit." When requesting additional copies, one of the program's commercial partners commented that the report was a remarkable tool for highlighting FO and its relevance to the advancement of space exploration and US space capabilities. Given only a broad set of guidelines, Alexander produced a well considered and insightful product worthy of the commendations it has received.

In supporting FO, Alexander has been instrumental in analyzing the impact of the program on the advancement of space exploration technologies and commercial infrastructure. In this role, he has assisted the program office in tracking the technological and programmatic progress of over 140 space exploration and utilization technologies. This work was critical in the analysis of STMD's return on technology investments.

This letter is in recognition of Alexander's distinguished service in the FO program office and expresses my deep appreciation and gratitude for his efforts. I commend him on a job well done.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael J. Gazarik".

Michael J. Gazarik

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