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Dr. Magdy A. Kassem, President
National Authority for Quality Assurance
and Accreditation in Education (NAQAAE)

Dear Dr. Magdy Kassem:

We have reviewed the NAQAAE National Academic Reference Standards (NARS) for Engineering, Draft dated May 2008. Based on our collective experience in the accreditation of engineering programs and knowledge of the international perspectives on engineering practice, it is our opinion that the NARS represents a significant accomplishment worthy of international recognition. It presents a comprehensive, precise presentation of internationally recognized attributes, knowledge, understanding and skills expected of graduates from engineering education programs.

Further, we feel that these standards, when implemented in a sound quality assurance environment that includes continuous quality improvement, will provide high quality graduates prepared to enter the global engineering workforce and will contribute significantly to economic development in Egypt.

We encourage you to go ahead with the excellent work that has been initiated in this activity. It is clear that this effort also has the potential to enhance economic development within the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George D. Peterson".

George D. Peterson
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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel B. Hodge".

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