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Our Ref: JA:AC:14/###
Your Ref:

Ms Nerada Turner
Education Hub
240 Warrigal Road,
CAMBERWELL 3124

Via e mail

Dear Ms Turner,

***Re Massimo Palumbo (Sponsored Employee)
Gelobar Pty Ltd ATF Gelobar No 1 Unit Trust (Sponsored Employer)***

I writing on my office letter head as a matter of convenience only.

I confirm that I am a co-promoter of the Gelobar business conducted at 74-76 Lygon Street East Brunswick, Mrs Rita Scullino is the other owner which we operate through the corporate vehicle of Gelobar Pty Ltd as stated above.

As part of the business operation we have sponsored 2 Italian nationals that are experienced in the hospitality industry. Both applicants had difficult in meeting criterions of the 457 sponsorship work visa, in particular in achieving a satisfactory pass of the IELTS tests.

Both applicants were greatly assisted by the preparation course conducted by the Education Hub. The course clearly adds to the employment related skills of the persons undertaking the course by assisting them in gaining meaningful employment under the sponsorship visa programme.

Without the course each of the applicants' would not have achieved all their criterions for the visa application. In addition, the course affords an opportunity of providing an essential understanding that the English language used within the Australian context has a different approach and/or meaning than the usual literal meanings of the words and phrases. This awareness is an essential ingredient to the better understanding of the English language as spoken in the Australian workplace and community.

As a result of doing the course both applicants have been better prepared and were successful in gaining a satisfactory pass in the IELTS test. The Education Hub IELTS Preparatory Course prepared both applicants, in particular Massimo Palumbo (who of the 2 applicants, had little by way of English when first arriving in Australia) for the IELTS test. Following the course Massimo achieved his required Band score of 5 which was a legal requirement for his 457 work visa. Prior to the course Massimo had sat the test 3 times by himself and was unsuccessful each time. Massimo clearly benefited from the professional guidance from the teachers at Education Hub.

As a result of passing the IELTS test both applicants meet an essential criterion of the s457 work visa without which they would not have attained the work visa and hence employment with Gelobar.

I would therefore support any application made by the Education Hub which would assist persons in being better prepared when sitting the IELTS test as part of their Visa criterion of the s457 visa.

Yours faithfully,
Acquaro & Co.

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